ROME (R) — Italian leaders voiced concern about the Middle East sinuation Treaday to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, while in Rome streets students shouted pro-Palestinian slogans and called Shamir a hangman. Shamir, in Italy on his first trip abroad since the eruption nine a hangman. Shamir, in Italy on his first trip abroad since the eruption nine weeks ago of the uprising in the occapied territories, met open disagreement from politicians ranging from the Communist Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament to Christian Democratic Prime Minister Giovanni Goria. Lower House President Nide forti told him Italians were "deeply distressed" by the uprising in the territories, in which 56 Palestinians have been killed, and urged both sides to take steps towards a peaceful solution. Goria and Shamir had two and a half hours of talks, including an official hunch, which were described by Italian officials as "very frank." The officials said the main topic of the discussions was the prospects for an international Middle East conference, which Shamir opposes.



#### Algeria seen renewing mediation bid

DAMASCUS (AP) — Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmad Taleb Ibrahimi Tuesday discussed with Syrian officials Middle East developments and the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories. Ibrahimi conferred with President Halez Al Assad and handed him a letter from Algerian President Chadli Benjedid, Assad's spokesman Jibrane Kourieh said. The contents of the message were not disclosed. But Kourieh said after the meeting that discussions "were about developments in the Middle East in meeting that discussions "were about developments in the Middle East in all its various aspects, the uprising in the occupied Arab territories, and the importance of strengthening the steadfastness of the Arab citizens against the Israeli occupation." It was believed that Algeria was renewing its efforts to reconcile Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). Arab diplomats said Ibrahimi's visit responded to a request from the PLO's Fatch group, presented to Benjedid Monday by Fatch second-in-command Salah Khalaf, asking him to reactivate his mediation efforts. Ibrahimi, who arrived in Damascus Monday night, earlier mediation of the process of th Foreign Minister Farouq Al Sharaa. The Syrian News Agency said only that they discussed developments in the Arab World.

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#### Prince Mohammad arrives in Doha

CONTRACTOR DOHA (Petra) — His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad arrived here from Oman on a three-day visit to Qatar. Prince Mohammad was received upon arrival by Qatari Interior Minis-ter Sheikh Khalid Ibn Hamad Al Thani and Jordan's Ambassador general graph to Qatar Khalid Al Kayed.

#### Hayden leaves

2 centur to held some AMMAN (Petra) — Australian Foreign and Trade Minister Bill Hayden left Amman Tuesday at the end of a four-day visit during which he held talks with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and other officials on subjects of mutual concern to Australia and Jordan, Middle East developments and means of promoting bilateral cooperation. Hayden also signed an agreement aimed at stimulating economic and trade ties between Australia and Jordan.

#### People alone Arab Bank extends help to uprising

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Arab Bank said Tuesday it had decided to contribute JD 109,000 and the Shuman family will donate JD 50,000 in support of the Palestinian people's uprising in the occupied Arab territories. The Arab Bank's employees will contribute one-day's pay for six con-secutive months for the same

#### 10 injured in Tehran car blast

NICOSIA (AP) — A carbomb exploded Tuesday in a residential neighbourhood of Tebran, wounding 10 people, the official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported. The agence said the bomb-laden car was parked in the Shahid Bahonar Sent less street, formerly known as Niavaran, in northern Tehran. It said the "bomb was planted by agents of the world arrogance," but gave no other details.

#### 45372 Iraq reports Iranian attack on oil platform

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq said Tuesday its forces threw back an Iranian naval attack the day before on one of its two unused offshore oil terminals in the northern Gulf. A Baghdad military spokesman said helicopter gunships destroyed four of 11 Iranian boats which tried to approach the deep terminal Monday afternoon. Iraq also claimed its 25th air strike of the year on Iranian oil targets along the Gulf coast Tuesday.

#### Kuwaiti aid convoy réaches Lebanon

BEIRUT (R) - A convoy of 67 Kuwaiti trucks loaded with aid supplies for war-weary Lebanese arrived in Lebanon's eastern Be-kaa Valley after passing through the Syrian frontier Monday night, witnesses said. The trucks, loaded with food, clothes and medical supplies worth \$10 million, were taken to warehouses in the Bekaa before distribution next week to the reactions. next week to the needy through-out the country, regardless of religion or origin.

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# Palestinians observe 'day of wrath' in occupied territories

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Palestinian protesters torched Israeli buses and stoned cars Tuesday and the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip observed a general strike.

Israeli soldiers shot and Soldiers shot and wounded a wounded at least three Arabs in clashes and stores were closed' throughout the occupied territories after leaflets calling for a "day of wrath" urged residents to stage commercial strikes

from their jobs. In the West Bank village Kabatiyeh near Nablus, 50 kilometres north of Jerusalem, troops opened fire to disperse protesters, and two Arabs in their 20s were wounded, the Palestine Press Service said.

third Palestinian during a protest in Jenin, north of Nablus, the

agency said: Doctors at Jenin hospital confirmed they had treating two Kahafiyeb men and a third Jenin for gunshot wounds.

In Arab Jerusalem, police dispersed protesters who threw stones and erected road blocks in several locations.

In the Anata neighbourhood, police battled about 50 protesters, Associated Press photographer Max Nash saw police chase a youth of about 14 up a hill and detain him. The boy's barefooted mother pleaded for his re-

In the West Bank village of Al Majd near Hebron, protesters torched an Israeli bus, the army

The army clamped a curfew on threw a firebomb at a tank carrier that had entered the village by mistake, the army said. The carrier was destroyed, but no one was injured.

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## O threatens retaliation for ship bombing, Limassol killings

NICOSIA (Agencies) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Tuesday threatened to attack Israeli targets around the world to avenge the killing of three officers and the bombing of a ferryboat being readied for a protest voyage by Palestinians expelled from the occupied West Bank and Gaza by Israel.

The dissident Abu Nidal group, known for its attacks around the world, also vowed

revenge (See page 2).

The bodies of two of the PLO members, Mohammad Sultan and Mohammad Buheis, were flown from Larnaca airport to Amman for burial.

The PLO has blamed the Israeli secret service, Mossad, for both the slayings Sunday and an explosion aboard the ferryboat Sol Phryne in Limassol Monday, which holed it below the water-

The Cypriot government con-demned both attacks, but made no accusations. It said it was investigating to determine whether the killings and the Sol Phryne explosion were connected.

"Israel knows that the PLO is not handcuffed... the blood of our martyrs will not go unavenged," said a PLO statement issued in Nicosia.

Sultan, Buheis and the third PLO officer, Marwan Kayyali, were killed in a carbombing in Limassol, on Cyprus' southern coast, apparently after arranging the sale of the Sol Phryne to a PLO-affiliated firm for the "ship of return" voyage to Haifa, origi-

nally designed to start in Greece. More than 100 Palestinians, as well as journalists and wellwishers, were to have flown to Cyprus from Athens to catch the ship. The PLO had planned to start the voyage from Greece but

was unable to find a vessel. A man claiming to speak on behalf of the U.S.-based Jewish

lease, but to no avail. In the Gaza Strip, Arabs stoned cars and placed nails and metal scraps on roads, Israel Radio said.

Soldiers and demonstrators



Limassol police inspect the charred shell of a car involved in a bomb explosion that killed three PLO members Sunday

blasting the 6,151-ton Sol Phrync. The JDL is responsible for the bombing at Limassol," the man told the AP by telephone.

"This is only a warning. Next time we will bomb it with all the people on it," he said. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has said the ship's voyage

would be taken as "a declaration of war" and that Israel would stop it "in ways it sees suitable." In Athens, Bassam Abu Sharif, the PLO's chief spokesman who. has been overseeing preparations for the voyage, said: "We are

continuing our plans and we will sail, in spite of Israeli terrorists who are using bombs against ideas, noble ideas." PLO spokesman Fayez Younes

told Reuters in Limassol the PLO Defence League (IDC) said was still determined to send de-Monday it was responsible for ported Palestinians on the

Younes said a PLO committee was deciding whether to repair the Sol Phryne or to seek another

Port sources in Limassol said police frogmen examined the damage to the Sol Phryne Tuesday and took away parts of shattered steel plates for tests.

The explosion tore a hole in the side of the ship, allowing water to pour into a ballast tank.

The sources said the local Brasal firm, specialists in underwater welding, had told agents for the owners that the vessel could be made seaworthy while at its mooring in Limassol dock and could be ready to sail in three days time.

But the 40-year-old captain of

(Continued on page 4)

## Kinnock urges U.S. to pressure Israel

By Salameh B. Ne'matt Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - British Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock Tuesday urged the U.S. to pressure Israel towards accepting a proposed international peace conference on the Middle East and accused Washington of trying to divert attention from the universally accepted formula for Arab-Israeli negotiations.

Speaking to journalists following separate talks with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and Foreign Minister Taher Masri, Kinnock said his position was "extremely closer to the Jordanian position" on the need to convene the proposed confer-

He criticised Washington and Israel saying that Britain expressed "a very strong desire that the Americans should become enthusiastic advocates of the international conference.

Referring to the recent U.S. proposal for "self-rule" in the occupied territories, he said Washington "should not permit any form of diversion from the main proposition of an international conference.

The British leader said the U.S. should exercise "maximum leverage" on the Israeli government to accept the European-backed conference for Arab-Israeli peace talks.

He said a Camp David-style, phased Israeli withdrawal from the occupied West Bank and Gaza and a phased "autonomy" for the Palestinian population have changed," Kinnock said.
"There has to be an immediate change in the status to guarantee civic rights and put an end to the Israeli occupation." He stressed the urgency for a solution saying the situation could not afford to take years in a phased arrange-

Kinnock said the continuing anti-occupation Palestinian uprising underlined the importance of reaching speedy progress to end 21-year-old Israeli occupation and to guarantee Palestinian

The Labour Party chief urged British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to adopt "a higher pro-file" involvement in Mideast peace efforts and a more intensive and active role in the region. He said London should "bring influence to bear on the U.S." to actively promote the peace

Kinnock, who leaves for the occupied West Bank and Israel (Continued on page 4)

Union Tuesday reiterated its total

support for the idea of an interna-

tional peace conference to find a

ust and lasting solution for the

Middle East problem and praised

His Majesty King Hussein's efforts for achieving peace in the

The reiteration of the Soviet

view was made by Soviet Foreign Ministry's Middle East Depart-

ment Director Vladimir Polyakov

at a meeting with Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri.

The Jordan News Agency, Pet-

ra, also quoted Polyakov as voic-

ing Moscow's concern over the

continuation of the Iran-Iraq war

and pledging that the Soviet Union would pursue all possible

Masri reiterated Jordan's stand

vis-a-vis the Middle East problem

and its call for an international

"The Palestinian people's upris-

ing in the face of Israel's occupa-

tion and Israel's inhuman prac-

tices serve as a strong incentive

for the international community

to shoulder its responsibility and

double its efforts for ending

Israel's intransigence," Masri

Masri called for the imple-

mentation of U.N. Security

Council Resolution 598, which

efforts to end the conflict.

peace conference.

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Soviet calls for an end to the Gulf war,

## Regent: Jordan, Egypt seek comprehensive Mideast peace

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, has said that Jordan and Egypt agree on working towards a just and comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict to guarantee real security for all peoples of the area and end the occupation of Arab territories under a balanced international umbrella.

In an interview with reporters from the Cairo-based Al Ahram daily newspaper and the weekly Al Musawir, the Crown Prince said this Jordan-Egypt agreement was embodied in their coordinated moves towards the Soviet Union on the one hand and the U.S. and Western Europe on the

other. He added that these moves towards a comprehensive settlement refute the concept of "circumstantial security," which Israel has proposed in order to resolve the issue of the occupation by means of partial concepts that will replace Israeli police presence with Arab police presence in the occupied terrritories. Crown Prince also said that the

current Palestinian uprising was based on objective factors and was a spontaneous expression of the inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza of their rejection of conditions imposed since 1967 and their insistence on a just and honourable solution to "erase the ugly picture of Israeli occupa-



HRH Crown Prince Hassan

His Highness said there was a need to clarify that "this is a purely internal Palestinian movement" and that the rivalry between some parties outside the occupied territories to take the credit for activating and support-ing the uprising "is a form of indulgence that gives Israel a pretext to search for conspiracy and distort the true image of the resistance to the occupation."

"It is of utmost importance that we avoid sensationalism, maintain the pure undistorted image of the uprising as a genuine model of Arab resistance to occupiers and refrain from providing Israel with an opportunity to recall to world public opinion the image of an Israel besieged by a hostile Arab majority," said the Crown

ple failed to note the numerous objective factors that led to the uprising, foremost of which was the fact that over 70 per cent of the inhabitants of the occupied territories are under 25 years of age — "occupation generation" and that Israeli settlements now control 60 per cent of the socioeconomic activities and natural

The Crown Prince said he was relieved to see the high level of understanding among the Arab states regarding the proposed solutions to end the Israeli occupation of Arab territories. "This understanding is a positive result of the Amman summit, which led to an agreement on the higher interests of the Arab Nation and ways to protect those interests," he said.

resources of the occupied terri-

He said this new conception was coupled with an "objective, realistic and practical" view calling for the need for a recourse for economic and social and consequently political resolutions, thus paving the way for Arab consensus. "This should replace the emotional and regional considerations that used to prevail over objective dialogue in the economic. social and political fields." he said. "We have entrusted the working team which presented its

(Continued on page 5)

## Jordan sees significance and By Salameh B. Ne'matt talks with PLO Executive Com- Khasawneh said Jordan's talks

AMMAN — The Jordanian government Tuesday described the new American proposal to revive the Middle East peace process as "a significant move," and said that Washington was seriously Palestinian question.

Minister of Occupied Territor-

ics Affairs Marwan Dudin told the Jordan Times that although there was "no specific proposal as such," the American move was "still significant."

"We cannot talk about a proposal in specific terms." Dudin said. "We are sort of thinking loud... it is an exploration process."

The minister said that the current visit to Jordan by a Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) envoy was aimed at briefing the PLO on the U.S. proposals and other developments in the wake of the continuing anti-occupation uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza. Prime Minister Zaid Rifai held

and said that the Security Council

should impose sanctions on Iran

for refusing to abide by calls for

peace and for its insistence on

Polyakov arrived here from

In an arrival statement,

Polyakov said his visit was in the

framework of a Soviet-Jordanian

agreement concluded during

King Hussein's last visit to the

Soviet Union. The agreement cal-

led for regular meetings by offi-

cials from both countries to ex-

change views on the region's problems, he noted.

Polyakov said his stay in Am-

man would be in the course of a

tour of Arab countries aimed at

exchanging views on the Middle

East and other problems of con-

cern to the Soviet Union and the

In Damascus, Polyakov and Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al

Sharaa Monday discussed the

Middle East conflict and the

Palestinian uprising in the occu-

pied territories, the Syrian Arab

Polyakov's visit to Damascus

and Amman came a few days ahead of a planned Middle East tour by U.S. Secretary of State

George Shultz carrying a new

News Agency reported.

peace proposal.

Arab World.

continuing the war.

Syria earlier in the day.

mee member Mai Tuesday as part of regional and

and Arab states," Dudin said. adding that "naturally, the PLO is important." Dudin said Soviet envoy Vladi-

mir Polyakov, director of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's Mideast desk who arrived later Tuesday, was expected to be briefed on the U.S. peace plan. The plan makes no mention of a direct Soviet role in peacemaking efforts, but U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz is expected to visit Moscow later this month for related talks with Soviet officials.

Washington proposed an "in-ternational meeting" in April as a first step towards direct Arab-Israeli negotiations, followed by talks on limited "self-rule" for the Palestinians in the occupied territories.

with the PLO were part of Joi dan's consultations with Arab international contacts Jordan is countries including Syria, Egypt undertaking in light of the and Iraq. He preferred not to Palestinian uprising.

"This is part of general consultations with the Soviet Union reveal any details on the talks between Jordan and the PLO, saying they were part of Jordan's comprehensive consultations with Arab and international parties.

On Monday Jordan and Egypt spoke out against plans from Palestinian "self-rule" in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, one of the centrepieces of the U.S. proposal.

After a meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo, Rifai said that Jordan opposed "partial solutions" and projects dealing with "self-rule."

"We insist on a final settlement that would lead to total, comprehensive peace," he told journalists. Rifai, who earlier held talks with leaders in Syria, said Jordan and Syria had a unified position on the requirements for peace through convening a U.N.-sponsored international conference on

#### Information Minister Hani the Middle East. Polyakov holds talks with Masri voices backing Masri, restates Soviet stand for U.N. Afghan mediation

AMMAN (J.T.) — Foreign the situation in the Israeli occu-Minister Taher Al Masri told pied West Bank and Gaza and Afghan Foreign Minister Abdul the popular uprising there. Both Wakil Tuesday that Jordan fully ministers stressed the need for an supported a United Nations in- international conference to find a itiative to resolve the Afghan just and durable solution for the conflict.

Wakil arrived in Amman Monday on the last leg of a tour to brief Islamic leaders on developments after Moscow's conditional announcement last week of a troop withdrawal.

Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev said Soviet troops would start to leave Afghanistan on May 15 if the Pakistani and Afghan governments reached an agreement by mid-March at U.N.sponsored talks in Geneva.

Masri voiced Jordan's support for all U.N. efforts to arrive at a solution that "will be favourable to the Afghan people and safe-guard Afghanistan's sovereignty and territorial integrity," Petra

He also urged all parties involved in the conflict to attend meetings to be held in Geneva in March to find a solution to the problem.

Masri also voiced Jordan's adherence and support for all resolutions on ending the tension and bringing about stability and peace to Afghanistan.

Kabul as a precondition for signing a Geneva agreement. Pakistan renews call

Palestine issue, Petra said.

A Jordanian official was

quoted by Reuters as saying that

Moscow had asked Jordan to try

to persuade Pakistan to drop its

demand for the creation of a

neutral interim government in

Pakistan Tuesday reiterated its call the Soviet Union to rejoin efforts at finding a formula for a future Afghan government, rather than pulling troops out of that country unconditionally.

The Pakistan Foreign Ministry gave a statement to reporters in Islamabad saying that only by linking its proposed withdrawal to an agreement on an interim Kabul government could Moscow assure an end to Afghanistan's

nine-year civil war. "The withdrawal of its forces must be accompanied with arrangements to ensure peace and stability inside Afghanistan. Otherwise, the tragedy of Afghanistan... will continue," the state-Masri and Wakil also reviewed ment said

# Experts to brief Gemayel Goulding in Lebanon on assassination attempt for peace

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — President Amin Gemayel Tuesday returned home from visits to Sudan and North Yemen. He is to be briefed on investigation into an attempt to assassinate him by planting a bomb on his plane.

A short presidential palace San'a, North Yemen. statement said a Lebanese army helicopter flew Gemayel from Larnaca, Cyprus, to his residence in the Christian suburb of

A police spokesman said the nation's top security officials are to brief Gemayel later in the day on the outcome of investigation into the bombing attempt.

The spokesman said six suspects have been rounded up in connection with the failed attempt to assassinate Gemayel, 44, a Maronite Catholic.

A 500-gram (1-pound) charge of TNT was placed under the pilot's seat of a Middle East Airlines Boeing 707 jetliner that was to leave Beirut airport for Larnaca Friday to fly Gemayel to

BEIRUT (R) — The Palestinian

commando group led by Abu Nidal said Monday that three

Palestinians killed in a car bomb

explosion in Cyprus were mem-

The Palestinian Fatch Revolu-

tionary Council (FRC) issued a

statement accusing the Israeli sec-

ret service Mossad of the killing

in the resort of Limassol Sunday.

people and comrades to retaliate

against the ugly crime carried out

by the Zionist Mossad, which led

to the killing of three strugglers of

our Fatch Movement," said the

statement, delivered to an inter-

national news agency in west

N'DJAMENA (R) — President

Hissene Habre accused Libya

Monday of preparing to attack

Chad despite a five-month-old

truce over the disputed Aouzou

Habre told journalists accom-

panying visiting French Foreign

Minister Jean-Bernard Raimond

that he was unable to say when

and where Libya would strike

that the Libyans are preparing for

He said Libya was massing

troops and military equipment

along the Aouzon Strip, in west-

ern Sudan and at the Maatan As

Sarra Air Base in southern Libya.

tled for control of Aouzou, wide-

ly believed to be rich in minerals,

until agreeing to a ceasefire in

September, brokered by the

Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

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Libya and Chad last year bat-

war," he added.

"But a number of facts indicate

"We pledge our brothers, our

bers of its organisation.

It vowed vengeance.

The police spokesman, who cannot be named in line with standing regulations, identified the suspects as "MEA maintenance technicians. They are all

Lebanese." He did not elaborate. Gemayel usually travels by military helicopter from the Falancist heartland north east of Beirut to Larnaca and uses MEA jetliners from there to world

The president has not used Beirut airport in the city's mainly Muslim sector since 1984 when opposition militias wrested control of the capital's western sector from Falangist-led army units. Beirut airport, surrounded by

Shi'ite Muslim slums, is base for MEA, Lebanon's national car-

The statement, typewritten in Arabic, invoked the movement's

right to "return the blow and

protect its command and strug-

glers from the dangers of these

criminal dens. We hope that

world public opinion will under-

against the Zionists."

mad Bassam Al Tamimi.

Habre accuses Libya of preparing for war

the OAU truce.

In Cyprus, the Palestine Li-

beration Organisation (PLO)

issued a statement Sunday also

blaming Mossad for the blast and

The giant Maatan As Sarra Base, 100 kilometres inside un-

disputed Libyan territory, was

destroyed by Chad government

forces during a lightning attack on Sept. 7 last year but had since

Habre also said Libyan air-

craft were overflying northern

Chad, "in a deliberate breach" of

The Chadian leader praised

military and economic assistance

given to his country by France,

Raimond told reporters France

had no intention of modifying its

military assistance to Chad,

where it has some 1,200 troops

Our aim is to restore peace in

Africa," he said, adding that

French military aid was purely

Raimond later left N'Djamena

and combat aircraft.

for Mozambique.

Chad's former colonial ruler.

been rebuilt, Habre said.

The explosive charge, according to police, was equipped with a sophisticated pressure fuse that would have detonated it when the plane reaches an altitude of 30,000 feet (9,000 metres)."

Lebanon has been plagued by assassinations, car bombings and gunpoint kidnappings since the civil war broke out in 1975. The conflict has claimed more than 130,000 lives by police count. Sunni Muslim Prime Minister

Rashid Karami was killed in a bomb explosion aboard a Lebanese army helicopter that was flying him from north Lebanon to Beirut on June 1.

Opposition leaders blamed his ssassination on the Lebanese Forces Falangist militia alliance, and accused Gemayel of covering up for them.

Gemayel's younger brother, Bashir, who founded and led the Lebanese Forces, was killed on Sept. 14, 1982, in a bomb explosion during a party gathering in Christian east Beirut shortly after be was elected president.

Abu Nidal vows to avenge Limassol victims saying the victims were senior PLO officials. It gave similar

names for all three. The PLO statement vowed revenge against Israel, but Israeli Ambassador Aharon Lopez denied that the Zionist state was

stand all forms of punishments The PLO said Kayyali was a member of the Military Council of the Palestinian Revolution, that we might and should use The FRC identified the victims while the other two were officers as Mohammad Hassan Buhait of the Occupied Homeland Command dealing with affairs in the Israeli-occupied territories. (known as Abu Hassan Qasim), Marwan Kayyali, and Moham-

The FRC said Abu Hassan Qasim had played a major role in the resistance against Israel and "had worked for more than 15 years in the movement with Abu Nidal."

BEIRUT (Agencies) — U.N. envoy Marrack Goulding, on the second leg of a Middle East tour, arrived in Lebanon Tuesday to discuss peace efforts in the region and the role of U.N. peacekeeping troops in South Lebanon.

Goulding, assistant secretaryreneral for political affairs, saw Fouad Turk, secretary-general of the Foreign Ministry here, soon after he flew in from Tunis.

Official sources said he would discuss with Lebanese officials the kidnapping of U.N. relief workers Swede Jan Stening, 44 and Norwegian William Joergensen, 57, seized by gunmen near the southern city of Sidon on Feb.

Goulding, while in Tunis, con-ferred with Yasser Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), and Chadli Klibi, the Arab League secretary-general, on the Palestinian uprising in

Israeli-occupied territories.

The U.N. envoy, who visited Lebanon last month as part of his efforts to convene an international conference under U.N. auspices to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict, will tour Egypt, Jordan, Syria and possibly Israel during

the current trip.

Meanwhile the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) announced in Vienna Tuesday that, as a result of the kidnapping of two staff members and the consequent reduction of international staff to a bare minimum for security reasons, it has had to adopt the following measures:

— Temporarily transferring supervision of activities in the Tripoli and Beqa'a Valley areas of Lebanon to its Damascus field office: and

 Suspending all other activities in Lebanon requiring direct supervision by international staff.
UNRWA provides services to
some 260,000 Palestine refugees

### Iran pardons 989 prisoners

living in Lebanon.

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iran's Revolutionary Patriarch, Ayatol-lah Ruhollah Khomeini, pardoned 989 prisoners to mark the anniversary of the Islamic Revolution's rise to power, Tehran's official Islamic Republic News Agency reported Tuesday. The agency said 194 prisoners already have been freed and the sentences on the others commuted. All 989 prisoners were detained in the provinces of Yazd and Isfahan in central Iran, said the agency, monitored in Nicosia. It did not say whether they had been jailed for criminal or political offences. Khomeini had declared in a speech earlier this month that special parole boards should review the cases of individual prisoners, releasing those who had repented.

#### Arab villagers shaken by Israeli burial of 4 alive KFAR SALEM, Occupied West bruises on both legs. As he lay on

Bank village are traumatised and frightened after four Palestinian youths reported Israeli soldiers used a bulldozer to bury them

"I am afraid. I thought I was going to die," said one of the four, Abdul Latif Mahmoud Ishtiah, 19, shortly after he was questioned Monday by a military investigator. "I dream about it all the time.

The army detained two soldiers Sunday and an official investigation of the Feb. 5 incident opened Monday when Ishtiah was interrogated in a white police van parked on the broken, muddy road just outside the entrance to this community of 4,000.

The four youths claim they were seized by Israeli soldiers after a demonstration in Kfar Salem that turned violent. They claim they were beaten, kicked, and forced to remove rocks from the main road. Finally, they say, they were ordered to lie on the ground and were covered with about 30-40 centimetres of dirt and mud by a bulldozer.

Assam Shafi Taher Ishtiah, 20, from the same family as Abdul Latif, said he spent eight days in the hospital after the burial recovering from numerous cuts and

Bank (AP) - Arabs in this West a bed in his house here, surrounded by friends and family members, he recounted how four soldiers burst into the house and arrested him.

They took me to the entrance of the village, beat me with clubs and kicked me," he said, adding that another group of soldiers brought three more youths from the village. "They told us to take the stones from the road. After they were removed, they told us to move them five metres farther."

There were about 40 soldiers in all at the scene, under the command of an officer, Assam Ishtiah said. There also was a Jewish settler, whom the victims accused of complicity.

"The officer took us one at a time and beat us," he said. The four say they were then ordered to lie on the ground, face down, and the tractor covered

"I didn't know what was going to happen," the youth said. "I thought they would arrest us. I thoght they would arrest me and take me to jail."

The soldiers left quickly and neighbours immediately ran to the scene and began digging out the victims, pulling them out after



One of the four youths (centre) buried alive by Israeli soldiers on Feb. 5 visits the site of the incident

several minutes.

"Seven men and four women dug up the kids," said Rasmi Said Hamdan, a teacher who witnessed the incident from his home. They used their bare hands. Two of them (youths) were completely buried and two had their been cut off.

heads sticking out, their mouths full of mud. The Israelis since have sealed off all roads into the community, blocking them with huge piles of dirt. Villagers said the only two

telephones in Kfar Salem have

## Polish biplanes to help Ethiopian drought mission

By Tsegaye Tadesse Reuter

ADDIS ABABA — Poland has sent five 30-year-old biplanes to airlift food to Ethiopia's rugged Shoa province where tens of thousands of people are facing starvation.

Although the capital, Addis Ababa, and the hills around it are a lush green, Ethiopia's drought zone begins only 100 kilometres to the north in the highland plateau in Shoa province.

The area is criss-crossed by plunging gorges up to 1,000 metres deep and in some places people living only a short distance from the capital are unreachable

by road. Relief workers say 240,000 peasants in the region are in danger of starvation following last year's drought and small aircraft which are capable of landing on short dirt airstrips are the only means of getting food to them in

Five Soviet-built Antonov AN-1 single-engine biplanes supplied by the Polish government arrived early in February to begin an airlift for the Baptist Mission Relief Orgamisation. Jim Bedsole, the Baptist aid

coordinator in Ethiopia said they would begin operations soon, following modifications to the planes and the runways they will The situation in Shoa is diffe-

rent from that of war-torn Eritrea and Tigray in northern Ethiopia, where fighting between government forces and rebels has disrupted overland transport, forcing relief agencies to airlift food to drought victims.

There is no security problem in northern Shoa, just a complete lack of passable roads. Bedsole said the Polish bi-

planes would shuttle grain supplied by the United States and the European Community to a central depot at Alem Ketema, where the Baptists built an air-

strip two years ago.
Carrying 1,500 kilos (3,300 pounds) at a time — enough to feed 100 people for a month --the AN-1's will then ferry the food in short hops to four distribution centres in the immediate area, he told Reuters. This will mean flying through

narrow gorges to deposit their load on the airstrips of villages perched on precipices up to 3,000 metres (10,000 feet) above sea level, Bedsole said. Alem Ketema is only 90 mi-

Abada, but Bedsole said a loaded truck would take two days to get there, if it got through at all. The 180 kilometres road is faced and Bedsole said the section where it plunges into the

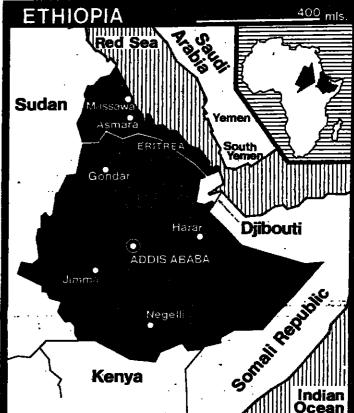
gorge of the Jema River would be

nutes flying time from Addis

too dangerous for heavy vehicles. The slightest rain turns the roads of northern Shoa into mud and one loose boulder on a steep section could send a lorry plung-

ing into the abyss.

Bedsole, who has lived in Ethiopia for 18 years, said Baptist missions had already begun distributing food by plane in northern Shoa, using light aircraft supplied by Air Serve, a non-profit-mak-



operations.

The Polish biplanes would step up the airlift with the aim of distributing 1,200 tonnes of food a month in northern Shoa.

Air Serve's twin-engined area would be re-assigned to northern Ethiopia, he added. Relief workers reckon that up months.

ing U.S. company which special- to 1.3 million tonnes of food will ises in chartering planes for relief have to be distributed to between five and seven million drought victims in northern and eastern Ethiopia this year to prevent a repeat of the 1984/85 famine.

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During that crisis, Poland sent a squadron of helicopters to planes currently operating in the Ethiopia to help with relief work. The flight of AN-1's which has just arrived is on loan for six

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#### WHAT'S GOING ON

#### TODAY'S EVENTS

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

sents: "L'urbanisme Parisien" (urban policy in Paris) at the Architectural Gallery (until Feb. 18).

berg to Electronics" and "German Woodcuts from 6 Centuries" at the Jordan University of Science and Tech-nology in Irbid (until Feb. 17).

★ Exhibitions entitled "From Guter

☆ "A Photographic and Folk Art Exhibition", organised by the Embassy of Democratic People's Republic of Korea, (until Feb. 18) at Royal Cultural

Option

Art exhibition about the works of German artist Horst Jamsseu at the Petra Bank Gallery in Wadi Saqra (until Feb. 26.

 $\stackrel{\leftrightarrow}{}$  An exhibition of plastic art by the University of Jordan's staff at the University. ENGLISH TEACHERS'

EVENING

☆ An English Teachers' Evening (ideas for vocabulary acquisition) at 5:00 p.m., at the British Cultural Cen-

FEATURE FILM

\* "Born Yesterday" at 7:00 p.m. at the American Centre.

**BOOK EXHIBITION** # A book exhibition at the Tower Building, Jabal Amman, 3rd Circle, from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Royal Cultural Centre .. Tel. 661026/7 British Council 636147/8
French Cultural Centre 637009

CULTURAL CENTRES

### Soviet Cultural Centre Spanish Cultural Centre Turkish Cultural Centre Haya Arts Centre Hussein Youth City Y.W.C.A. Y.W.M.A. Amman Municipal Library ... Amman Municipal Library ..... 637111 Univ. of Jordan Library ...... 843555 SERVICE CLUBS

Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Holiday Inn., 1:30 p.m.
Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Ammon Hotel, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia Rotay Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn., 1:30 p.m.
Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00 p.m.

**CHURCHES** 

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, Tel. 624590. Church of the Ammerication (Roman Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh, Tel. 637440. De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757. Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757.
Terrasmita Church (Roman Catholic),
Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30
p.m. Tel: 622366
Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali, Tel. 623541.
Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman, Tel. 678906, chaplain's residence tel. 601359.
Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafich,
Tel. 771331.

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Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafich, Tel. 775261.

St. Ephrasan Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafich, Tel. 771751.

Annuan International Church (Interdenominational): meets at Southern Rantist School in Shousing in Ten Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel.

0//254. Evangelical Latheran Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Ara-bic Service: Sunday 7 p.m., Rev. N. Smir, tel. 811295 Rainbow Congregation (meets at the Good Shepherd's Church) Interdenominational-ecumenical English Service: Saturday at 6:30 p.m. tel. 822605, Rev. Veli.

#### QUEEN ALIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)

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...... Tripoli (LN)
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WEATHER

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It would be a cloudy, rainy weather in the hilly areas, with westerly freshening wind throughout the day. There will be a slight fall in temperature. In Aqaba, it would be partly cloudy with chances of scattered showers. The winds will be south-westerly and crists seen.

Min./max. temp. Aqaba . Deserts Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 9, Agaba 18. Humidity readings: Amman 93 per cent, Agaba 60 per

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NOS.

## **EMERGENCIES NIGHT DUTY**

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Police rescue 192, 621111, 637777
Police headquarters 639141
Traffic police 896390/1 Municipal water complaints 771125/8 Queen Alia Intl. Airport (08)53330/60

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The Islamic, Abdali
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Italian, Al-Muhajreen
Al-Bashir, J. Ashrafieh 666127/37 .. 891611/15

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Dr. Hussein Haddad
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## MARKET PRICES

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## JPF offers JD 5,000 to support Palestinian uprising

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan Press Foundation (JPF) is making a generous contribution in support of the current Arab uprising in the West Bank and the Gaza

Strip.
The JPF which groups the two Times will offer JD 5,000 to the martyrs' families in the occupied territory, and the foundation's employees will offer the pay of a day's work in three consecutive months for the same cause.

Al Dustour newspaper, another Jordanian Arabic daily, announced that its employees will offer one day's pay in support of the uprising.

The two establishments will thus be joining numerous other Jordanian organisations and businesses which are offering contributions to the Arab people under Israeli rule in support of their just cause.

Teachers and employees working for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine nefugees (UNRWA) have also donated a day's pay for the cause in response to a call by the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, which has opened a special account in the Islamic Development Bank for channelling the contributions to the Arab people in the occupied territory.

#### Symposium on higher education opens Saturday

AMMAN (J.T.) — A two-day symposium on higher education in Jordan will open here Saturday under the patronage of Minister of Higher Education Nassereddin

Al Assad. Assad will be one of the most prominent speakers at the sessions which will be devoted to the development in education in general, and the higher education process in particlar.

By Sana Atiyeb

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The blind in Jordan

now have the chance to read

whatever they get their hands on with the aid of a specially-devised compact reading aid which allows

blind people more independence

in dealing with printed material.

that converts the image of printed letters or symbols into an en-

larged vibrating tactile form that

'a blind person can feel with one

finger. For many blind people in

the developed world, the optacon

is already an essential part of

their lives; it may soon become a

way of life for blind people in

Hazel Dudley, one of the fas-test blind readers in England, has

recently trained several blind people at the Friendship Associa-tion for the Blind (FAB) here,

most of whom are teachers. She

told the Jordan Times that each

student requires 50 hours of train-

ing on the optacon, and that each must be taught individually.

Dudley, who is in Jordan to

teach the use of the optacon, said

she was impressed with her stu-

dents' progress, especially as English is their second language. She explained that students must

first be taught the regular English alphabet since they usually read

only Braille — a special form of print consisting of raised dots. She stressed that the alphabet

must not only be taught but also

analysed "in order to visualise the

The optacon is the size and

shape of a medium-size tape re-

corder. A person uses the right hand to track a small lense

attached to the machine and

traces the letters with it, while the

left hand goes into an opening of

the machine, with the index fin-

ger placed on the area that en-

larges the print and vibrates against the finger, enabling the

"If students are sufficiently

motivated, which they are here,

they can learn to read whatever

they want," Dudley explained, adding that optacon enables one

to read everything printed

whether on paper, cans, boxes or

computer screens. She said that a

good sense of touch and language

skills facilitates the learning pro-

According to Dudley, a month ago her students could not read

regular print; now, they are able

to read stories and books, num-

bers included.

person to feel each letter.

The optacon is a small machine

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Optacon to help Jordan's

blind read regular print



Minister of Planning Taher Kanaan (2nd from right) and Italian Ambassador to Jordan Luigi Amaduzzi (2nd from left) sign cooperation protocol Tuesday (Petra photo)

### Jordan, Italy sign cooperation protocol

cooperation protocol to provide technical assistance in monument restoration within the scope of the Jerash Antiquities Restoration Project.

The project was promoted by the Jordanian government for the protection and development of the cultural heritage of the Gre-co-Roman city of Jerash.

Under the protocol the directorate general for the development cooperation of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs will entrust an Italian organisation, special-ised in the field of monument

On the Jordanian side, the Department of Antiquities will act as counterpart to the project, which includes both planning activities (general restoration plan of the archaeological site of Jerash) and field activities (restoration, on the job training of Jordanian personnel in the fields of topography, photogrammetry, photography, cataloguing).

Also, under the protocol the Italian government will contribute towards the project by pro-

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan and restoration, with the task of carrially Tuesday signed a three-year rying out development activities perts that will be stationed in perts that will be stationed in Jerash, six fellowships to be granted to staff members of the Jordanian Department of Antiquities and all equipment to carry out activities related to the pro-

> The present protocol is an extension of a previous one signed in 1982 and completed in 1985 and financed with a grant of nearly JD 224,000 by the Italian

> The protocol was signed by Minister of Planning Taher Kanaan and the Italian ambassador to Jordan, Dr. Luigi Amaduzzi.

## Jordan, Czechoslovakia sign cultural pact

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan and Czechoslovakia Tuesday signed an executive programme for the implementation of their bilateral agreement on cultural coopera-

tion signed in 1978. The three-year programme provides for an exchange of expertise in theatre, folklore and other cultural activities, as well as cooperation in matters related to libraries, art exhibitions and pre-

servation of archaeological sites.

The programme encourages exchange of visits by delegations from Czechoslovakia and Jordan. The programme offers three scholarships for post-graduate students from Jordan to study in Czech universities and two for Czech students to study at Jordaman institutions.

The programme also provides Hrusecky.

cooperation between the national news agencies of Jordan and Czechoślovakia, and between their television services and sports organisations.

The programme was signed for Jordan by Ministry of Planning Director of Social Activities Projects Kamal Qaqish and for Czechoslovakia by its Charge d'Affaires in Amman Emil

### Dakhqan visits Mafraq water pumping stations

MAFRAQ (Petra) - Minister of Water and Irrigation Ahmad Dakhqan Tuesday paid an inspec-tion visit to the Mafraq governorate and visited the water pumping stations to ensure that sufficient water supplies is reaching the local population.

the optacon into her life and

always carries it with her, was

of the optacon and has been

teaching for the past seven years. So far, her students are learning

to read and not to teach.
"Teaching the optacon is like
driving. If a person knows how to
drive it does not mean he or she

can teach driving. A person must be trained and licensed to teach

According to the FAB Office Manager Mousa Feery, the asso-

ciation plans to send trainees

abroad to learn how to teach the

use of the device. He said that

they might send trainees to Egypt

to work with experts there, as

many of the readers need to learn

to read Arabic before English.

The FAB owns seven opta-cons, one of which was donated by the British embassy, and the

other six by one donor, Feery told the Jordan Times. He said

that the association could only

lend out the optacons. Each read-

ing machine costs approximately JD 2,000 — a high price that many people could not afford. Dudley stressed that the optacon should be owned individually by the blind person, so that he or she can incorporate it fully in his or her life. The optacon is now

her life. The optacon is now widely used in over 66 countries,

and has proved to be a valuable, cost-effective technical aid.

There are other reading

machines for the blind, according

to Dudley, but none as flexible as

the optacon, which is manufac-

tured by the American Telesen-

sory Systems, Inc. She said there is a machine available that reads for the blind, "but it's huge and costs £30,000. And there is a

French machine that turns print

into Braille. But with the opta-

con," she emphasised, "it is up to

a blind person needs to feel every

part of a letter, "it is very slow compared to a sighted person who reads." Dudley said that the

only other drawback is that the

optacon might become noisy (it

makes a vibrating noise) after a

while, "But because it is so small,

I carry it with me everywhere I

go," she continued; adding that it

works on a four-hour recharge-

Despite its drawbacks, Dudley

praises the benefits of the device:

"Since the optacon gives direct access to print, it provides its

users with a new degree of inde-

pendence, productivity and

She added, however, that since

the brain."

driving," she explained.

specially trained to teach the use

In his tour the minister said that a number of water and irrigation departments will be set up in provinces to tackle the water, sewerage and irrigation issues.

Addressing a meeting at Mafraq governor's house Dakhqan stressed the need for speeding up sewerage projects in the governorate and the expansion of water

He also discussed the condition of five small dams which exist in the governorate and the prospect of raising their walls for more

The Ministry of Water and Irrigation is currently studying the prospect of building other dams at Rweishid in the Hammad

## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

Decree approves Zakat Fund law

AMMAN (Petra) — A Royal Decree was issued Tuesday approving the Zakat (alms for the poor) Fund law which provides for committees to be set up to distribute alms and to decide the type of cases on which funds can be spent. Another Royal Decree approved a law on practicing veterinary medicine in Jordan and one approving an amendment to the penal code which has been endorsed by parliament. The amendment allows courts to pass death sentences on people for raping girls under 15 years of any death sentences on people for raping girls under 15 years of age.

The same amendment imposes a sentence of 10-year imprisonment with hard labour on cases of sexual assault on women by force, threat or deception.

Regent's aide meets Mu'ta students

KARAK (Petra) — Director of Prince Hassan's Award Office Samar Kildani Tuesday briefed Mu'ta University students on His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan's Award. She said that the award is the outcome of Prince Hassan's "keen interest in supporting and supplementing the educational process through stimulating the spirit of adventure, enhancing human concepts and encouraging students to explore their societies and serve

**Envoy visits Ports Corporation** 

AMMAN (Petra) - East German Ambassador to Jordan Wulfgang Grabowski Tuesday visited the Jordanian Ports Corporation and met with its director, Issam Habash, who briefed the envoy on the corporation's programmes and services. Habash presented the ambassador with the corporation's shield.

Soviet general ends visit AMMAN (Petra) — Soviet Army General Victor Mikhalken left Amman Tuesday at the end of an official visit to Jordan during which he met with the Commander-in-Chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and other senior army officers. Mikhalken also toured a number of military and archaeological sites in the country. During his stay, Mikhal-ken discussed with Jordanian army officials "means to promote military cooperation" between the two countries.

15 courses to be held for Balga teachers

SALT (Petra) — Education Department in Balqa will hold 15 in-service training courses for teachers during the second semester. The courses aim to acquaint government teachers with the new methods of teaching. The department has held 31 in-service training courses for teachers during the first semester of the school year 1987.

Spanish trade team due here

AMMAN - A Spanish trade delegation is due in Amman on Feb. 22 for a three day visit to Jordan during which it will hold talks with Jordanian traders on promotion of Spanish products, including telecommunication equipment, auto spareparts, electric tools, solar heaters, optical glasses, printing paper and writing

Triplets born

AMMAN — A 35-year-old lady has given birth to triplets at the Shmeisani Hospital. The triplets, two boys and a girl, weigh between 2.5 and 3.00 kilogrammes each.

Glass import discussed

AMMAN - Discussions are underway between Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply and glass merchants to organise importation of glass, which is not produced by the Jordan Glass Factories Company.

Lottery to support uprising

AMMAN - The General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS) intends to issue a special lottery for supporting the current uprising in the occupied Arab territories.

## House approves draft law on post offices, Postal Savings Fund

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Lower House of Parliament Tuesday approved a draft law on post offices and Postal Savings Fund after it was passed by the House Financial Committee.

Kingdom.

government.

The fund, he said, would not

be able to open so many offices

servicing citizens all over the

Kingdom without the aid of the

The Lower House of Parlia-

ment also endorsed an amend-

ment to the press and publication

law of 1988, after changing an

article in the law which would

have given the Prime Ministry

absolute power over the closing

of a newspaper or withdrawing its licence without giving that institu-

The change stipulates that in the cases of withdrawal of licence

or the cancellation of one, the

press institution will still be able

by the Lower House Tuesday,

was the antiquities law of 1988.

Deputies discuss uprising

subject of the Palestinian uprising

in the occupied Arab territories

which went into its seventieth day

Tuesday. Deputy Daoud Sulai-

man hailed the efforts of His

Majesty King Hussein and His

Royal Highness Crown Prince

Hassan, the Regent, for their

continued efforts and support for

Sulaiman also proposed that

the Lower House of Parliament

send telegrams to King Hussein

and Prince Hassan thanking them

for their efforts. He also prop-

osed telegrams to the European

Parliament and the European Community "for their support of the Palestinian human rights in the occupied territories." The

Lower House approved the prop-

Deputy Mufid Mobaslat, called

on Arabs to start depending on

their own power now that they are faced with American and

Israeli positions which hinder the

the Palestinian people.

Several deputies spoke on the

The third draft law approved

tion the right of appeal.

to appeal the decision.

Two members of the Financial Committee, Deputies Abdullah Akaileh and Laith Shubeilat, held back on endorsing the law, upholding that the government's backing for the Postal Savings Fund (PSF) goes against the poli-cy of refraining from subsidising any corporation's losses, with an aim of letting them fend for themselves and take responsibility for their own losses.

The two deputies charged that the government subsidies amounted to JD 6.18 million which represented "loosing" investments held previously by the PSF. When the government bought back the investments, the deputies added, the amount of the investments on the market was approximately JD 5.0 mil-

They also spoke against merging the fund into the government which means further responsibility for the fund.

Deputy Jamal Obeidat, spokesman for the Financial Committee, told Parliament that this merger should be viewed as a 'single service among many services presented by government to aid corporations," he further added that the fund could not stand on its own without depend-ing on the over 400 different post office centres throughout the

#### **Participants** in medical conference visit Yarmouk University

IRBID (Petra) - Participants in a regional conference on medical education visited Yarmouk University Tuesday and were briefed on its programmes and its activi-

The university's acting Vice-President Fayez Khasawneh welcomed the participants and spoke of the need for developing educational programmes for students of he medical schools.

Later the participants reviewed two working papers on medical education divided themselves into five separate groups tackling different topics that will be included in the final statement at the end of the conference.

#### Sudanese security team arrives today

AMMAN (Petra) — A delega-tion from the Public Security De-partment in Sudan is due here Wednesday on a five-day visit to

The delegation will hold talks with Public Security Department Director Lieutenant General Abdul Hadi Al Majali and will visit a number of police depart-ments and the police academy.

#### **Food industry** workers union to hold elections

AMMAN (J.T.) — The General Union of Workers in Food Processing Industries will hold elections Wednesday to choose nine members for their union's board. At least 19 union members are contesting seats in the board and have grouped themselves into two separate blocs.

The union's current President Jawdat Othman called on all union members to take part in the election which will be held under the supervision of the Ministry of Labour and Social Development in cooperation with the Federation of Jordanian Labour Union.

JLA to hold elections

Another election, that of the Jordan Library Association JLA, will take place on Friday. Two prominent JLA members are running for the post of president, Dr. Omar Hamshari and Mr. Izzat Zahideh, both of whom are currently employed by the University of Jordan.

A third candidate and former JLA president is Farouk Maaz who is the present director of the Amman Municipality Library. At least 17 other members are

running for the JLA's board, and more than 450 members are eligible for voting, according to Dr.



Lower House of Parliament in session Tuesday (Petra photo)

process of peace. had revealed to the world the ugly face of Israel and also showed America's biased posiwhich do not carry a fair formula

for peace in the Middle East." Mobaslat added that the cur-

and positions now while "taking Mobaslat said that the uprising lessons from the uprising."

Parliament and Senate members, in support of the national uprising, have pledged twenty per tion against the Palestinians cent of their salaries for the which has become evident month of February leaving the through its proposed solutions door open for further contribu-

At the beginning of the session a Royal Decree was read extendrent uprising in the West Bank ing the fifth session of the Parliamakes it imperative for all Arabs ment for another month effective to review their political formulas from the beginning of March.

#### House sends cable to King

AMMAN (Petra) — The Lower House of Parliament Tuesday sent a cable to His Majesty King Hussein voicing its appreciation and total support for his worldwide efforts in serving the just Palestinian cause and in exposing to the world Israel's expansionist and aggressive plans directed against "our Arab people in the occupied territories."

The cable, sent to the King by House Speaker Akef Al Fayez on behalf of the deputies, said the King's efforts abroad have been instrumental in gaining further support for the Jordanian stand and more backing for the idea of an international Middle East peace conference to be attended by all concerned parties and the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, as approved by the November Arab summit meeting

In the cable, the House also expressed support for His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent's recent address to the Arab Thought Forum about the uprising of the Arabs in the Israeli-held territories.

It said the House considers that address as one of its official documents serving as guideline for its work.

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#### Welcomed smoke

THE flurry of visits to Jordan and other Mideast states by an impressive array of foreign political leaders and emissaries and United Nations officials represents much smoke, and our hope is that where there is smoke there is fire. By fire, we mean a recognition that the essential problem in the Middle East — the 90-year-old conflict between Palestinian Arabs and Zionist Jews in Palestine - should be resolved permanently on an equitable basis that recognises the dual rights of Jews and Palestinians to national self-determination in Palestine — the ancestral land claimed and coveted by both people.

If all our distinguished foreign visitors are here to discuss how to reconcile Arab demands for stability with Israeli demands for security, the effort will lead nowhere. The equation to aim for is how to implement the twin rights of Palestinians and Israelis to national self-determination, sovereignty, security and human dignity. The Palestinian issue is one of national and human rights - not of finding a means to temper the anguish of the street lads or finding a mechanism to quell expressions of political identity.

The flurry of visits and consultations we witness this week is welcomed and positive. It should focus squarely on the essence of the Arab-Israeli conflict — the national rights of Palestinians and Israelis — while directly engaging the key parties in the conflict — the Palestinians and the Israelis — in meaningful negotiations, in a legitimate international context. Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Lebanon, the USSR, the USA, the U.K. and the United Nations all have a constructive role to play. But the main protagonists are the Israelis and the Palestinians, and the efforts of all the other interested parties should be directed clearly towards launching a meaningful and genuine negotiating dynamics which sets the protagonists on a path towards a permanent, just and humane resolution of the conflict. The lesson of the past three months in Palestine is that the conflict has reverted to its historical essence — the clash of Palestinians and Zionists in the land of Palestine. We all need to heed the lessons of history, and honour the logic of history and the promise of the future, by acting on this fact.

#### **ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS**

#### Al Ra'i: Jordan abides by nation's stand

PRIME Minister Zaid Rifai reiterated Jordan's firm stand with regard to partial solutions for the Arab-Israeli conflict and said that Amman completely rejects any talk about autonomy rule for the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. In a statement following a meeting with the Egyptian president in Cairo, Rifai said that Jordan can only accept a final settlement that can ensure lasting and just peace. He also noted that Jordan wants such peace to come through an international conference which should be attended by all parties to the conflict. Therefore, any American move being made under the slogan of "settlement" can only be assessed in the light of the Jordanian stand which is the stand of the whole Arab Nation. If such American move is not in harmony with our own conception of a just and durable peace to be achieved through the proposed international conference, then such move will not meet a better fate than those of previous moves and initiatives emanating from Washington. An international conference can achieve a total Israeli withdrawal from Arab lands occupied since 1967 and a permanent solution for the Palestine problem. Rifai's statements which preceded a visit to the Middle East by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, can serve as the best Jordanian response to all American initiatives. The Americans will find our hearts and minds and doors open to them and their peace bids with an equal measure to their serious responsibility towards shouldering the question of stability, security and lasting peace in our area. If the coming American moves do not fall in line with Jordan's concept of peace, then they are doomed to

#### Al Dustour: Jordan rejects partial resolution

JORDAN's current diplomatic moves in the regional and international circles is aimed at rallying the Arabs and unifying their ranks for the common goal. This diplomatic move comes at a time when diplomatic activity inside and outside the U.N. Security Council is being made to find a means for giving momentum to the Middle East peace process. A continuation of the process of enhancing understanding and cooperation among Arab countries is an essential step at present for achieving this Arab goal, and necessary for giving more weight for all Arab actions designed to regain justice and peace in our area. The uprising in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip offers the Arabs a good chance for unifying their ranks and rallying their forces and reaching consensus on all future moves. Such unity of stand is necessary in the face of the Israeli intransigence and continued atrocities in the occupied Arab territory. Jordan is firm in its stand and its endeavours to maintain unanimous agreement on future actions, and also in forestalling any enemy plans and aborting external intrigues against this nation. Jordan continues to reject any bids for partial solutions for the Palestine problem and insists on the international conference as the best forum for achieving a solution and a lasting settlement. For this reason, Jordan strives to achieve the maximum degree of unity of ranks and consensus among Arab countries in the spirit of the Amman Arab summit meeting.

#### Sawt Al Shaab: Jordan's commitment

PRIME Minister Zaid Rifai yesterday carried a message from His Majesty King Hussein to Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak dealing with the present situation in the region and Jordan's views vis-a-vis current efforts to resolve the Middle East problem. Rifai told newsmen in Cairo after delivering the message that Jordan was totally committed to the idea of an international conference that can ensure a lasting peace in the region. Jordan's stand which reflects that of the whole Arab Nation is in harmony with the spirit of the Amman Arab summit of last November and calls for a durable settlement for the Middle East question through the U.N. sponsored conference. This reconfirmation of the Jordanian stand reflects this country's commitment towards a comprehensive settlement and not a partial solution as envisaged by the Camp David agreements which Mubarak has described as outdated and does not exist any more. In his statement to the press in Cairo, Rifai said that the Jordanian stand reflects that of the Arab Nation and is one that adheres to the rights of the Arab people in the occupied territories.

# No by-passing the Palestinians

**By Yehuda Litani** 

The following article is reprinted from the Israeli newspaper, The Jerusalem Post

towns.

although there were at least two

cases of Palestinian youths being

the second month. But as of the

last two weeks, groups among the

settlers have decided to take ac-

It started with a response to

cocktails, and went on with "re-

taliatory actions" of smashing

against the protesters.

FOR MORE THAN two months the Palestinians. Indeed, the relathe Palestinians in the territories tive absence of action by the and East Jerusalem have been settlers in the first month of the practically forcing the Israeli riots was quite a surprise, army to play by their rules. Dr. Meron Benvenisti calls it "the shepherds' war." We seem to be killed by settlers in the course of going back three or four thousand years to biblical times, using the same basic weapons — clubs and stones — as shepherds used in tion, sometimes even strong, those days.

In its first stage, this war was between the Palestinian protes- stone-throwing and Molotov ters and the soldiers. There was no doubt that once the minister of defence gave the green light to the army to beat the protesters ("no one ever died of beating"), brutalities had to follow.

The brutal acts being committed by Israeli soldiers in two villages near Tulkarın that we were shown on Mabat on Wednesday night weren't by any means the first committed by the army during the last two months. Similar acts were being committed in refugee camps in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and were reported in this newspaper.

The minister of defence should know that the use of force has no boundaries, and that what are euphemistically called "irregular acts" may become regular as protests continue.

A senior army officer told me

"I am frightened of the grave consequences of our present policy in the territories. We allow them to beat and shoot civilians. Palestinians, it's true, but civilians. I don't know what it is doing to their souls, what will become of them in the future.

"It is very bad that we, the IDF, have got into this mess. We trained our soldiers to fight wars, to defend the borders, and now we are doing the work of policemen - or more accurately, we are riot squads."

It was only a question of time before the second stage of this shepherds' war started: Israeli settlers joining the battle against ground.

Who knows if similar and even worse actions might not be committed by Israeli settlers as the protests continue and they think that their very existence is being threatened?

Prior to December 1987, the army was not allowed to beat civilians. If it was done — and it was — it was usually a private initiative, unauthorised by senior officers. Since the latest protests. begun it has become "legal." This sets an example to some settlers, who have been waiting for a long time for the green light "to show the Ishmaelites who is the real ruler of Eretz Yisrael."

windows and cutting car tyres at The third stage of the neighbouring Arab villages and shepherds' war may come sooner During the 1970s and the bethan we think. It is the stage of ginning of the 1980s, vigilante retaliation by ordinary Israeli actions were committed by Israeli citizens, not only settlers, to the settlers. The most notorious was that against the three Palestinian

stones and the Molotov cocktails.

It may have to be achieved in

stages — for example, with in-terim and mutually acceptable

security arrangements. But a dec-

laration of intent can be issued

stating clearly the nature of the

Given genuine mutual recogni-

tion, neither side would want to

destroy the other. At any rate,

the geopolitical and economic in-

terdependence and integration

which has already emerged be-

tween the peoples of the region is

certain to grow in terms of labour

mobility, transport, agriculture,

and trade with the Arab World.

unresolved, that of the Palesti-

nian refugees. Given the current

situation, this can hardly be

ignored. The Palestinians have

quite rightly argued that the re-

fugee problem cannot be di-

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This still leaves one major issue

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mayors, carried out by what was for instance, how long will it take speak no evil.

known as "the settlers' under- the residents to retaliate? How Shamir is con

many times can they hold their breath in front of their broken windows? In East Talpiot there are 10 times as many inhabitants as there are in the surrounding Palestinian villages. One of these days they may decide that they have had too much, and that they cannot count on the police to try to restore normal life in their

neighbourhood. The only way to prevent the shepherds' war from becoming a savage war of survival, with soldiers, settlers and ordinary citizens participating in it, is to stop ignoring the Palestinians.

The present Israeli leadership does all it can to prevent any contact with the Palestinian leadership, in an attempt to bypass the real problem.

The trio of Yitzhak shamir, Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres remind one of that other trio who In East Talpiot in Jerusalem, see no evil, hear no evil and

ould be achieved without territorial compromise. His preferred partners for negotiations are the Americans, the Jordanians and the Egyptians. His only solution and some Muslim fundamentalis the autonomy as offered in the Camp David accords. But neither the Jordanians nor the Egyptians want to be involved in such direct negotiations, and they have said so over and over again.

Rabin says there is no real Palestinian leadership in the territories, and therefore there is nobody to talk to at the moment. Peres says that peace can be restored through the Jordanians, not the Palestinians.

As long as this unboly trinity turn a deaf ear to the authentic. voices among the Palestinians, the shepherds' war will continue, and perhaps escalate even further.

We cannot choose our partners

at the negotiating table, nor can Shamir is convinced that peace we choose our neighbours or our enemies. If elections to an autonomy council are held this year, or even next year, who will be elected? Mostly PLO supporters ists. With this council Israel will, according to the new American initiative, have to discuss ways and means for a permanent solu-

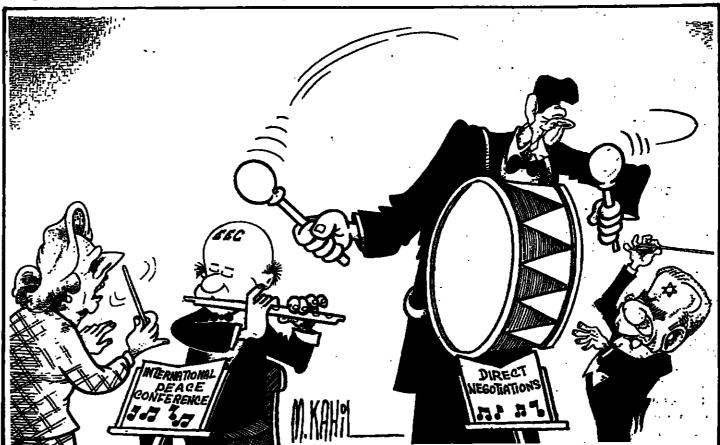
Our problem in Israel is that we cannot face the truth. We cannot admit the fact that it is the PLO that represents the vast majority of Palestinians in the territories and abroad. Jordan, Egypt and maybe Syria could serve as a mediator between Israel and the PLO; but as long as we ignore the PLO, the savage war between Jews and Arabs in this country will continue.

For most of us, the PLO means terror and bloodshed, animosity and hatred. But it is time for us to understand that trying to bypass it could mean a further delay in any attempt to achieve a settlement. It could also mean a further strengthening of the extreme Muslim fundamentalist elements among the Palestinians, with whom it would be virtually impossible to reach any kind of settlement.

More than 3,000 years ago there was a shepherds' war in this land. According to Genesis 13,

"And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle... And Abram said unto Lot: Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we are brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? Separate thyself, I pray thee from me; if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou take the right hand, then I will go to the

Nowadays, the only separation known to the Israeli government is "separate and rule." If we have gone back to the shepherds' war. maybe we can also listen to the ancient call of our forefather Abraham, and try once again to separate ourselves from our cousins-enemies.



## A two-state solution of Mideast conflict

The following article by Barry Schenker of Israel's left-wing Mapam Party is reprinted from The Guardian.

THE uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip has highlighted the urgency of finding a solution to the Israeli-Arab conflict, but all parties argue for their own needs or make vague declarations about the future.

Calls for an international peace conference fail to specify who precisely should participate, or what the object is. In the absence of clear aims, the course of events is being dictated not by politicians, but by the protesters and illegal settlers.

In this context policy becomes reactive, positions become entrenched, and the common ground for negotiation becomes more elusive.

Negotiations can only take place when two conditions are met. One is that none of the parties has cause for a priori fear of entering negotiations; the other is that all parties recognise that there is no prospect for satisfying one's own needs other than by negotiation.

For this reason, while conven-tional wisdom has it that one should not declare one's hand prior to negotiations, the current impasse indicates that such declarations are actually imperative. What, then, can be the basis for negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians? There is one proposal which is politically acceptable to all, workable and

There are basically three approaches to the core issue. The first is the rejectionist approach. Absolute rejectionism, on both sides, is now mercifully in de-

cline. On the Israeli side, this approach argues that the whole notion of Palestinian nationalism is simply a falsification of history. The land of Israel belongs to the Jews and to no one else. Arabs can live there with civic, but no national, rights. If they want a national bome, let them go to Jordan.

Palestinian rejectionists claim that the Jews are not a nation, but only a religious entity. Those living in Palestine now are no more than foreign colonialists without inherent rights to be

The second position — currently the frontrunner — is the selfinterested approach. On the Israeli side, this says that Israel must not retain the occupied territories, otherwise Israel will suffer. Jewish morality is being undermined, Arabs will outnumber Jews, Israei will become undemocratic, and the territories constitute a defence problem and an economic burden.

The Palestinian version is that Israel is too powerful to be challenged at present, that sticks and stones, however many, are no match for Israeli guns, and that the Israelis are usurping the Palestinians' land and destroying their culture. Better to treat with the enemy and take half a loaf now than to lose everything.

The third approach is that of full mutual recognition. Here both sides acknowledge: that the national rights of the other are inherently legitimate. On the Palestinian side, this entails an acceptance that Jews have a selfidentify as a nation and have a religion, culture, tradition and history to substantiate that. It acknowledges that this sense of nationhood is rooted in the land of Israel.

On the Jewish side, this roach would recognise that Le Palestinians are not "just" Arabs, and that whether their sense of national identity emerged in the last 20, 100 or 1,000 years is irrelevant, since today there is a group of people who identify themselves as a Palestinian "nation.'

It perceives that the Palestinians, like the Jews, have suffered rejection, persecution and dispersal, and that they, too, seek an independent state which can safeguard their own culture and security. It would also be a unifying symbol, as with the Jews, for those in the Palestinian di-

The mutual recognition approach has the twin merits of being politically viable and morally sound. One can only hope that in the current climate it will gain greater credence.

In political terms, this means a two-state solution to the land west of the River Jordan: Independent Israel within its pre-1967 borders and independent Palestine in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Negotiations between the two sides should set this as the ultimate goal.

#### Kinnock urges American pressure on Israel for int'l conference

(Continued from page 1) Wednesday, also called on the Zionist state to respond to the will of the international community and accept the proposed peace

He said an international conference was the only practical vehicle in the absence of any other serious and sensible course. He warned Israel that "it is politically impossible to maintain the

status quo." Kinnôck said he was in favour delegation. He urged the PLO to

During his stay in the occupied leaders Wednesday.

of participation by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in the proposed conference within a joint Jordanian-Palestinian be "realistic," warning that the

organisation risked impeding a valuable chance "if it insisted on a completely independent status.'

"We should acknowledge the deal and practice the he explained.

territories, Kinnock will meet Palestinian personalities before beginning his talks with Israeli

During his talks with Kinnock Tuesday, Crown Prince Hassan emphasised Jordan's adherence to the idea of an international conference on the Middle East Anthony Reeve. with the participation of all con-

permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said.

Prince Hassan also reviewed with Kinnock the situation in the occupied Arab territories.

The Crown Prince and Kinnock reviewed Jordanian-British relations and Arab-European :: t ties. Prince Hassan stressed the need for continued Euro-Arab dialogue at all levels.

The meeting was attended by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh and British Ambassador to Jordan

Prince Hassan later hosted a cerned parties and the five lunch in honour of Kinnock.

#### PLO threatens retaliation for ship bombing and killings

(Continued from page 1) the ship, Cleanthis Vlahopoulos, said it would take "several months" to make the Sol Phryne seaworthy again.

In its statement released in Nicosia, the PLO said it had adhered to a declaration made by PLO leader Yasser Arafat in Cairo in 1985, pledging to refrain

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the understanding that Israel also would refrain from attacking "The Israelis should know that PLO targets abroad.

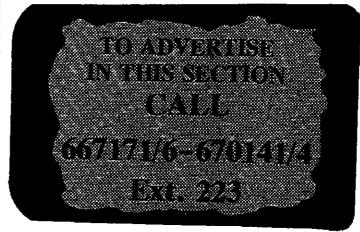
the halt to continue unilaterally. This is a double-edged sword, the statement added.

In Kuwait, Arafat also dropped

from military operations against strong hints Tuesday that the Israeli targets outside Israel, on Cairo declaration had been nulli-

the Cairo agreement is not applic-"It is not logical or possible for able only to one side and that terrorism is a double-edged weapon," Arafat said, addressing a press conference at the conclusion of a two-day visit to Kuwait.







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Ganina, who lives with her their jobs. Westerners who visit the Soviet husband in a rural area outside Moscow, said the situation was Union are often struck by the overwhelming presence of particularly grave in the countryside, where women did the women in such jobs as househeaviest farm work as well as painting or heavy road work. In contrast, officials in view in top gathering firewood, tending cat-

positions are almost exclusively "In exchange they receive a spiritual vacuum, plus defective There are no women in the ruling politburo, and the secretartractors and combine harvesters, iat of the Communist Party's policostly household equipment, lowcy-setting central committee has quality clothing and footwear," just one woman member - social, labour and women's affairs secretary Alexandra Biryukova, appointed in 1986.

"Let us be truthful: Development opportunities are not equal payment in kind has been abofor boys and for girls," Ganina lished and replaced with paper money which cannot be spent said.

Her comments were expected to spark a broad readership response in Moscow News, which carries letters reacting to its controversial articles on themes from nuclear energy in the post-Chevnobyl era to revised thinking on Soviet history.

## Clouded views from a Swiss Alp

The recent World Economic Forum validated the philosophy that if you put business and political leaders together in a cossetted but stimulating environment, results will emerge, says William Dullforce.

DAVOS — Take about 700 top businessmen from more than 50 countries to a plushly-equipped Swiss ski resort. Blend in 50 or so cabinet ministers, high government and international officials. Add 150 assorted politicians and academics. Spice with a Doomsday planetary discourse from Professor Carl Sagan, the astrophysicist. Spin the lot in a near nonstop, impeccably-organised sixday schedule of plenary sessions, briefings, lunches, dinners and private meetings. And what do you have?

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One correct, if surprising, answer is the venue for an act of political reconciliation between two perennially-divided nations — in this case Turkey and \_

Professor Klaus Schwab, the unflappable and indefatigable organiser of the annual World Economic Forum in Davos, experienced a moment of consummation recently when he appeared before television Ozal, of Tukey, and Andreas Papandreou, of Greece, as the prime ministers announced their decision to start resolving their nations' differences.

The event validated the underlying philosophy of the WEF, that if you put political and business leaders together in a cossetted but stimulating environment, results will emerge. Ozal and Papandreou made their first, reserved, personal contact two years ago at breakfast in Davos.

Another correct answer is that in the WEF you have what one participant called the global town square. Encounters among international leaders and businessmen — in the Congress Hall, hotel lobby, walking down the promenade or on the ski slopes -- can be as casual or intense and as non-committal as between neigh-

bours in a small town. The WEF has at any rate passed the market test. The businessmen come back year after year even when the fee reaches this year's SwFr 6,100 (\$4,442).

This year, the October stockmarket crash, the plunge of the dollar and the fear of recession in the U.S. had provided them with even more urgent reasons for testing the intentions and perceptions of the ministers, central bankers and international and government officials.

From the start, the businessmen's uncertainty and doubts were palpable. In one closed session, an Australian banker gave a warning that the U.S. policy of maintaining growth by running up debt was becoming less and less credible in the eyes of investors — a point made more diplomatically by Yasuhiro Nakasone, the former Japanese prime minister in his opening address.

Was the U.S. leading the world into recession and was economic co-ordination among the main powers working fast enough? the nanker asked.`

One VIP, insisting that reporters present should not divulge his high government status, described as purely coincidental the "so-called" victory in December when combined central bank intervention halted and partially reversed the slide in the dollar. Either the exchange rate had to give further or interest rates had to rise in the U.S.

Lionel Olmer, a former U.S. undersecretary for commerce, chairing a discussion panel on the new rules for corporate competition, chided panellists for not reflecting "the incredible difficul-ties facing the business community which has to make up its own rules as best it can to survive in an increasingly turbulent environ-

Are interest rates bound to rise in the U.S.? Is international economic cooperation really working? Is the international trading sys-tem breaking down or will Gatt's Uruguay Round succeed in averting a retreat into protectionism? And above all, is the U.S. economy heading for recession, taking the rest of the world with it? Business concern punctuated plenaries, briefings and "brainstorming" session.

The response from the official decision-makers was qualified reassurance. On the dollar, David Mulford, assistant secretary for international affairs at the U.S. treasury, said a further decline would be "counterproduc-

Clayton Yeutter, U.S. trade representative, said U.S. companies were internationally price competitive at current dollar

A Swiss banker saw "no objecnve reasons tot me donat to recover and how long could cen-tral banks keep it stable? Helmut Schlesinger, deputy president of the West German Bundesbank, was among those who agreed that central bank intervention could help only for a limited period.

The key lay, it was generally agreed, in persuading the markets that coordination of economic policies by the U.S., Japan and the big European countries was working.

"It is no good saying that coor-dination will work in the long run. In the long run we are all dead," Papandreou said. Mulford, Schlesinger, Toyoo

Gyohten, the Japanese vice-minister for finance, and Onno Ruding, Dutch finance minister.

agreed that coordination had been too lethargic after the attempt in the Louvre accord of last February to stabilise exchange rates.

But, Mulford claimed, since Where is the dollar rate going? the October stockmarket crash, governments of the Group of Seven industrial countries had been achieving more effective coordination on a quiet daily basis than at earlier full-scale formal negotiations.

> Slowdown in economic growth in the U.S this year but no recession was the nearly-unanimous public forecast. Confidence was also voiced in private, but with some reservations, about currency and stockmarket reactions, should the switch from growth led by domestic demand to exportled growth be prolonged.

James Howell, professor of economics at Stanford University, California, estimated that a 4 per cent cut in private U.S. consumption over the next few years would be needed to correct the U.S. trade deficit of more than \$170 billion in 1987.

An extremely powerful surge in U.S. exports would be needed to compensate, economists in the audience remarked, underlining the tenuousness of the current dollar rates and the importance of holding trade protectionism at

Bruce Smart, U.S. undersecretary for international trade. probably summed up best the mood after the exchanges, when he was asked whether he thought exchange rates had now been stabilised and whether one could hope for a new Gatt agreement in 1990 with an effective dispute settlement mechanism.

Remarking that by then he would have left government and returned to business, he replied: "I hope for both and count on neither" — Financial Times fea-

## literary journal Oktyabr of her new novel, "I hope as long as I One voice across

MOSCOW — Feminism has

made its debut in the Soviet

Union's official press, where a

woman writer said this month

that without female equality the

reforms of Kremlin leader

Mikhail Gorbachev were doomed

"Hardly anything will change

before perestroika comes down

to the ground floors of life, to

women," writer Maya Gonina said in an interview with Moscow

News, a weekly in the forefront

of Gorbachev's glasnost or open-

"Why should women pay for

the social and economic mistakes

of men merely because they

(men) hold command positions?

Ganina said, describing women as the downtrodden of a Soviet

society unable to satisfy basic

While officials, including Gor-

bachev's wife Raisa who serves

on the board of the Soviet Cultu-

ral Foundation, bave called for a

better deal for women, they have

stopped short of the social critic-

ism voiced by feminists in the

Ganina's interview in effect

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THE BBC Arabic Service, 50

Reithianism in a way," says Jim Norris, his predecessor. In a single service listeners are led from one level of brow to another. "And we're as British as roast beef and the Houses of Parliament, but we're also perceived to

Arabs, not any particular country, and concentrates on reliable news and a neutral viewpoint. "Their own media are so unsatisfactory from their point of view that, if they want to know what's happening to the Arab World at large, they listen to us," says Norris. A Libyan bulletin might open with 15 minutes' solid Qadhafi. When the Arabic Service interviewed him for an hour, it used four minutes and was

By Stella Charbit and Terence Kelly

years old last month, serves some 20 countries, but feels itself "effectively a local radio station" according to its new head, Bob Jobbins. "You can treat the top job as being that of a station "We're the last outpost of

be Arab."

The service is "local" to all



tle and pumping water.

Women in hard jobs

"The shelves of the village

Ganina said that despite "lofty

words about equality" women

were prevented from reaching the

top echelons of government. She

said she watched the television

news with envy when women

were shown confidently sitting

grocery stores are empty. But

here.

Following 50 years of BBC tradition - Bob Jobbins in the studio (Photo by Frank Martin)

complimented on his behalf for its taste and discrimination. Bob Jobbins, 46 years old, moved into control of the largest Bush House vernacular service, on air nine hours a day, from a background of international reporting, for the BBC from 1975 and other organisations before that. His appointment echoes that of John Tusa, another working journalist, to the External Services' managing directorship (Tusa was on his selection

power polarisation. We must in-

tensify constructive cooperation

with other groups that seek effec-tive and independent roles, fore-

most of which are the members of

the European Council and Japan.

The era of bilateral cooperation is

over and we in Jordan are there-

fore calling for intensifying and

crystallising cooperation and complementarity amongst the

states of the region, and for a dialogue towards a joint innova-

the Soviet provinces who pro-

tested against official abuses dur-

ing the era of the late president

Literature critical of the Soviet

Union past and present was not

published during Brezhnev's rule

between 1964-82, a period now

officially discredited as one of

Women lack equal

opportunities

Ganina said many women

sought to take part in Gor-

bachev's reforms because

"stagnation aimed its fire at them

But she said women still lacked

equal opportunities while work-

ing harder than men in a double

day of cleaning, cooking and

childcare after finishing their jobs

shape in the late 1960s and the

1970s, Soviet men remained

notoriously indifferent to the

lifestyle imposed on their women

in a country where millions of

hours are lost each year in

ists took shape in the late 1970s,

but they were denied a forum for

their writings. A collection of

articles by a group of Leningrad

feminists was published in France

in 1980 but suppressed at home.

As one example of the Soviet

Small groups of Soviet femin-

queuing at foodstores.

As feminism in the West took

at factories or farms.

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stagnation and corruption.

Leonid Brezhnev.

budget, excluding studio and transmitter costs, of £2.2 mil-The changes he plans will build gradually upon the strengths of the 55-60 per cent news and current affairs out put, making it

more relaxed, less formal and sharper, but without what Jobbins sees as Radio 4's "tendency to be dull and complacent". Such strengths include the long-running Political Questions and Answers, which gives dispassionate replies to queries from listeners (some of them doubtless students facing difficult assign-

ments) and a popular evening wrap-up, News Of The Arab King Hussein and the leaders of Bahrain and Oman listen to Jobbins's services, and he is confident that most senior politicians and civil servants also tune in. A 1968 survey showed that 60.6 per cent of the Arabs in Israel and the occupied territories listen. The Gaza uprising will have raised the audience further, temporarily attracting the teenybop-pers who normally prefer Monte Carlo's Arabic popular music ser-vice. Jobbins does not see it as a weakness that his audience is largely aged 35-plus. Youngsters prefer pop — in boyhood Jobbins

himself was a Luxembourg fan. The Arabic Service's reputation rests on independence from government. John Reith insisted on this when its broadcasts were inaugurated to counteract Italian and German propaganda designed to destabilise Britain's Middle East position after the Palestine Arab revolt of 1936. The BBC must take full responsibility for the service, he said, and it must conform to BBC standards and principles and not damage the existing Empire Service.
At its birth it clashed with Foreign Office mandarins who preferred to give it a propaganda role. To their chagrin, its first news bulletins reported the execution by the British of a Palestinian Arab who had contravened

the security regulations by carrying arms.
"Right from the start we in-

board). He has a staff of 84, to different audiences with diffenearly half of them Arabs, and a rent voices," said Norris. "We were not going to bend our edite- e rial judgments in any way that is seemed to us improper."

In the World War II, the -"news" stayed unsullied, but as if Norris admits, the BBC let talks and commentaries be used as a means of persuasion in ways we would disapprove of today. However, during the Suez invasion the service resisted pressures to remove from bulletins and press summaries reference to opponents of Eden government policy. "Broadcasting in the national interest has never been seen by the BBC as broadcasting in the interest of the government of the day" is how Norris summarises its stand.

Other traditions developed with time. The service speaks to the Arab World as if it were one, however disunited it is in practice. The quality of broadcast Arabic is cherished, because it is a language of religion and poetry.

One change in tradition should impress Jobbins's cost-conscious director-general. The service's monthly magazine, Huna London, has gone commercial. In-stead of being posted free to 70,000 people who had requested it, perhaps years ago, it is now being sold by subscription or on news-stands. This will free £100,000 for programming, and if distribution problems are solved the magazine might make a

The Arabic Service is also having a wider impact on BBC output. It receives far more requests now from other producers for its expertise. "The isolation of Bush is ended," says Jobbins, recalling former frustrations at bearing academics talking on Newsnight about a country they had not visited for years, when he was just back from there.

The shift is part of the wider shake-up initiated by Tusa, reflecting the BBC's efforts to streamline its journalistic depart-· ments.

The wisdom of promoting to power journalists like Tusa and Jobbins, rather than veterans of BBC committee wars, must now ... "Right from the start we in-sisted we were not going to speak The Guardian.

## Crown Prince: Jordan, Egypt seek comprehensive Mideast peace settlement

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first report to the Arab ministerial committee last month, with the task of reviewing Arab multi-

lateral action." Unlike regional groups like the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Arab community has in the past failed to meet on common interests, mainly because economic resolutions depended on purely political considerations, he said. "Each Arab state drew the line on what it could offer towards joint Arab action and Arab complementarity. In my opinion, the alternative is to maintain the direction of the Amman summit and support the move towards complementarity, whether on the national level or by building complementarity on regional 'bricks' that conform with Arab national objectives, such as we now see in the Arab

Maghreb."
"The concept of 'complementary regional building bricks' leads us to talk about our area, which I prefer to call the South West Asian region rather than the Near or Middle East," the Crown Prince said. "The importance of this region is evident in its four hot spots, or five, if we include the Horn of Africa. Since it lies outside the protective nuclear umbrella of the Warsaw Pact and NATO, it naturally became open to division into spheres of influence by the two superpowers. We have consequently sought to bolster cooperation amongst the countries of this geographical grouping in

order to reach an independent regional expression on the vital issues that affect the stability of the region. From here stems the wisdom of resuming diplomatic relations between the community of Arab states and Egypt to reincorporate Egyptian vitality into the region and reinforce stability and joint identity on the Arab Islamic level. It is also important to stress that the collective will must express itself by means of political action based on a genuine desire to build a joint framework for complementary stands and likemindedness."

His Royal Highness added that a comprehensive view of the region shows the interlinkage between its various causes. "I believe the Afghan cause is directly linked to the portrait of 'spheres of influence' between the USSR and the USA in the Gulf and Iran," he said. "The Arab-Israeli conflict is also strongly linked to the elements of power and weakness in the Gulf. The alliances exposed in the 'Irangate' scandal probably indicate parts of this picture.

"Accordingly, in my recent meeting with Turkish officials, who form a part of this region, I proposed the establishment of a Centre for Conflict Resolution' in the Asian-European city of Istanbul to study and deal with the hot struggles in the region." the Crown Prince said.

"The natural complementarity amongst the countries of the region faces intensified efforts by the great powers to divide and oppose the concept of complementarity in a region that in the mid-fifties formed the basis of the dream of 'non-alliance' which was fulfilled in Bandung, with a vital contribution from Egypt. one of the movement's distinguished parties. The great powers have continued to oppose the independent role of the countries of the region through various practices, initiatives and attempts to assert the belief that their natural complementarity would not be natural without the direct approval of the giants.

"It should be noted here that there are over 40 regional conflicts in the world and that over 10 of them lie between India and the farthest Arab territories in the Maghreb, with the hottest and most important conflicts centred in South West Asia. It is my view that no political stand and will to resolve these conflicts will be effective unless the countries of the region itself reach a regional understanding.

"In the light of these facts, we cannot imagine that a sensible Iranian thinker, for example, would seek to assert the role of the superpowers in our region in the form of this new imperialism, and in this would agree with any thinker in any other capital in the region. One should remind and warn here that talk of alliances and axes is the enemy's and the superpowers' method of shattering any real concept of complementarity amongst us. Stability based on the concept of regional complementarity amongst sovereign states does not settle well with opportunists in the region and their accomplices out-

"In this framework, the wedges struck by the Iran-Iraq war are in the final analysis artificial wedges between Arab and Persian or Shi'ite and Sunni. They must be removed in order to converse sensibly and to pave the way for political dialogue some day. "The crystallisation of the con-

cept of complementarity and cooperation amongst the states of the region, especially those surrounding the hot spots of the area, has acquired increasing importance and drawn the interest of several countries, particularly the Western economic community. This explains the Japanese initiative to offer Jordan assistance in the form of unconditional

million as an expression of the Japanese government's recogni-tion of the importance of the region and appreciation of Jordan's role in maintaining stability in the region as a whole. This indicates Japan's farsighted view of the region and its recognition, for example, of the fact that the transfer of oil pipeline from the Gulf to the Red Sea area enters the countries of both regions into

soft loans to the sum of \$300

gion's wealth of resources. "In return, we must assert our independent and effective role and deal with others outside the context of alliances and super-

Security Rim for the Arab re-

tive approach coupled with a common will." joint regional responsibility for what I termed the External Basic His Royal Highness concluded by referring to the need to utilise the reconclustory mood prevail-

ing since the Amman summit to push forward joint Arab action and adopt and implement joint stands on crucial Arab causes.

### Palestinians observe 'day of wrath' in occupied territories

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clashed in the village of Ras Karkar near Ramallah, the army said, but did not provide further details. The Palestinian agency said soldiers fired tear-gas and live ammunition to disperse pro-

In the Gaza Strip, Arabs burned tires at the entrance to Gush Qatif, a group of Jewish settlements along the Mediterra-nean shore, Israel Radio said. The leaflets, signed by the "United National Leadership of the Uprising," had also called for attacks on Jewish settlements.

The army, meanwhile, questioned some of the four Palesti-

nians from the West Bank village Kfar Salem who said they were buried alive by Israeli soldiers after a demonstration Feb. 5 (See

Israel Radio said 21 Arabs were arrested in Jerusalem Monday, bringing to 437 the number of demonstrators detained in the Holy City since Dec. 8. During that period, at least 56 Arabs have been killed by Israelis in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, according to U.N. figures.

'Uprising has popular . backing

As the general strike gripped the West Bank and Gaza Strip, a senior army commander contra-

dicted Israeli leaders who have denicted the 10-week-old uprising as the work of a small minority of "agitators" without popular

backing.
"What we confront is a widespread violent uprising led by a nucleus of activists and which enjoys the support and cooperation of the masses," Major-General Ehud Barak, deputy chief of staff, told a news confer-

Barak said the occupied territories were "relatively calm" in the last few days but warned: "The whole thing is not stable, it simmers under the surface and might erupt due to trivial events in the area under our control or due to some external events."

John Isla



The Calgary ski-line

# Zurbriggen launches bid for second gold

CALGARY (AP) — Pirmin Zurbriggen, combining speed with flawless technique, was to start his quest for a second Olympic ski championship Tuesday while the Soviet Union was favoured to extend its hold on the pairs figure skating gold to 24 years.

The big question being asked after Zurbriggen's brilliant downhill victory Monday was how many gold medals he would win. An unprecedented five?

"I don't think so," the 25-yearold Zurbriggen told reporters. "It's nice when I can win one medal.'

"It would be very difficult," Zurbriggen said of his sweep prospects. "The conditions would have to be just right every time."

Only Austria's Toni Sailer and France's Jean-Claude Killy have swept the men's alpine events at an Olympics. They won three each - for the downhill, slalom and giant slalom — in 1956 and 1968 respectively.

To the Calgary Games have been added the super giant slalom and the combined downhillslalom, which was to have its Olympic inaugural Tuesday on the slopes of Mount Alian, 95 kilometres west of Calgary. Zurbriggen is given the

strongest chances of reaping more golds in the combined and super-G. Tuesday's downhill leg of the

combined was not to see a new duel between Zurbriggen and teammate Peter Mueller, who won silver in the regular downhill

Franck Piccard of France took the downhill bronze medal

#### MEDAL TABLE

CALGARY (AP) - Total medals after events Monday, second full

The Soviet Union	2	2	1	5
East Germany	2	0	0	2
Switzerland	1	1	0	2
Finland	1	0	1	2
Czechoslovakia	0	1	1	2
The Netherlands	0	1	0	1
West Germany	0	1	Ō	1
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## Canadians, **Americans** struggle for medals

CALGARY (AP) - The Winter Olympics hasn't measured up to the expectations of host country Canada and neighbouring United States, struggling to regain its dominance on the slopes and ice.

Ludmila Belousova, who won the It's one of the few occasions first of two Olympic titles at they get the powerful Europeans on their home turf.

#### 1988 WINTER OLYMPICS

Their heirs-apparent this time are Ekaterina Gordeeva, a dainty 16-year-old school girl, and partner Sergei Grinkov. They were in top position after easily winning the short programme Sunday. The East Germans were

Tuesday's only final was pairs

skating, in which the Soviet Un-

ion was expected to continue

dominance. That began with the

legendary Oleg Protopopov and

Innsbruck in 1964.

favourities to add more gold by taking the women's luge competi-tion starting Tuesday. Medals will be awarded on the basis of total times for two runs Tuesday and two Wednesday on the 1,080metre course at nearby Canada Olympic Park.

Úte Oberhoffner, Cerstin Schmid and Steffi Walter finished 1-2-3 in Sunday's final training run, raising the prospect of an East German sweep.

East Germany picked up a gold medal in the men's luge competition Monday. It came as no surprise.

year-old student, had led from the first of four heats.. The silver medal was won by West Germany's Georg Hackl, who had beaten Mueller for the European championships last month.

The Soviet Union's Yuri Kharchenko took the bronze.

On the tough Canmore nordic course, Soviet skiers won gold and silver in the 30-kilometre cross-country for the third Olympics in a row. Alexei Prokourorov took the gold ahead of teammate Vladimir Smirnov, while Norway's Vegard Ulvang won bronze.

But Monday wasn't a good day for Olympians from the two countries. And neither was Sunday for that matter.

After six events on the first two days of competition, neither country had won a medal.

"Personally I'm happy and satisfied with the race," said Canadian Pierre Harvey, who finished the 30-kilometre crosscountry race Monday in 1 hour, 28 minutes and 21.7 seconds. He was 14th, more than four minutes behind the gold medalist. Alexei Prokourorov of the Soviet Union. "But maybe people will be

disappointed because they expected me to win a medal." There was little hope that

Americans could win more than half a dozen medals, and their performances in the first two days of individual events indicated Winner Jens Mueller, a 22- they may live down to expecta-And the number two official on

the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) predicted it might not get any better. "I think that it's possible,

although I hope it doesn't occur, that we won't win a gold medal,' Baaron Pittenger, secretary of the USOC, said in an interview Monday with the Associated

The United States has won at least one gold medal in each of the previous 14 Winter Games. The worst U.S. medal count was four in the first winter games in

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American luger Miroslay Zajouc injured himself during a practice run in his luge at Calgary, but that did not stop him from competing though he did not win any bonours.

1924 and again in 1936. Disappointments

Their disappointments ranged from bitter in men's 500-metre strong U.S. event, to unsurprising in ski jumping and crosscountry skiing, events in which the Americans have rarely won

Meanwhile, the Canadians, expected to compete for a medal in the Olympic Men's downhill, could do no better than Mike Carney's 14th place in Monday's downhill ski race.

medais.

"I'm disappointed," said Rob Boyd, who finished 16th. "This was my first Olympics and maybe the pressure got to me a little bit. things felt a little different. I wasn't thinking of my skiing so much as the crowd and the Olym-

The U.S. downhillers, far less experienced than the Canadians,

had figured to finish far back. And they did, a 26th their best result by A.J. Kitt. Neither country had ever won a

medal in the 70-metre ski jump, an Olympic event since 1964. Sunday was no different. Canadian Steve Collins placed

10th and American Mark Konopacke finished 14th. The competition was won by Matti Nykanen of Finland with 229.1

Another event in which little was expected of either team was the women's 10-kilometre crosscountry race. Neither has won a medal, or finished higher than an Olympic event since 1964. Sunday was no different.

The top Canadian finisher was Lorna Sasseville at 30th. American Leslie Krichko was 36th among 51 finishers. Both were more than a minute slower than gold medalist Vida Ventsene of the Soviet Union.

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## Czech comeback muddles ice hockey prospects CALGARY (AP) - Czechoslo- in a five-minute stretch of the

vakia, on the verge of virtual second period. elimination from the Olympic hockey tournament, instead has muddled the medal-round pic-

The third-seeded Czechs were down 3.0 to the No. 7 United States with just over six minutes gone in Monday night's game. But they blasted their way back into medal contention with four third-period goals, winning 7-5.

A loss would have dropped highly touted Czechoslovakia to 0-2 in the "B" pool while the Americans would have been tied at 2-0 with sixth-seeded West Germany, a 7-3 winner earlier in the day over Norway, and the No. 2 Soviets, who whipped Au-

Instead, the Czechs are tied with the Americans at 1-1 and only have to face the Soviets among the pool's top teams. The Americans face the powerful Soviets Wednesday night and then still have to play the West Germans.

The top three teams in each of the two pools advance to the medal round

The Americans scored on their first three shots and knocked world-class goalie Dominik Hasek out of the net. After a Czechs goal, that team's new goalie Jaromir Sindel was victimised by Dave Snuggerud's power-play tally, boosting America's lead to 4-1.

But the Czechs gamely rallied, finally tying the score 4-4 on Antonin Stavjana's goal early in the third period.

Again the United States went ahead, on Scott Fusco's power-

And again Czechoslovakia railied. This time its hero was Dusan Pesak, who beat U.S. goalie Mike Richter. He then sent a cross-ice feed to Igor Laba for the game-winning short-handed goal and added an empty-netter for good measure.

The 11th-seeded Austrians were tied 1-1 with the Soviets early in the first period. But the Soviet Union then netted a shortseven straight scores, including four games.

Soviet 'aren't as good'

Still, Norway assistant coach Tore Jobs, whose team lost to the Soviets in the first round, wasn't

The Soviets aren't as good as they usually are," he said. The Soviet Union, the defend-

ing Olympic champion and winner of six of the last eight gold medals, has had trouble in the past year. Sweden won the world championship in April and Canada beat the Soviet Union at the Izvestia tournament in Moscow in December and in a pre-Olympic tuneup last Wednesday.

Gerd Truntschka scored twice and Helmut Steiger added a goal and two assists for West Germany, which fully dominated Norway.

West German coach Xaver Unsinn isn't surprised his team is being mentioned in the same breath as the Soviet team.

Unsinn has been getting solid goaltending from Karl Friesen and Helmut de Raaf. The goalies have received solid protection from captain Udo Kiessling and the other defencemen.

And the opportunistic offence has been bolstered by the play of Helmut Steiger, who has four points in two games, including a goal and two assists against

"I knew there was an outside chance that we'd be 2-0 if we played carefully and cleverly,' Unsinn said. "It's not the first time we beat the Czechs.

"I'm not forecasting the medal round," Unsinn said. "But I said if we beat the Americans, the Russians or the Canadians, the sky's the limit. I won't go into that today.

The "A" pool resumes play Tuesday, with top-seeded Sweden meeting No. 8 Poland, fourth-seeded Canada playing surprising No. 9 Switzerland and No. 5 Finland seeking to rebound against 12th-seeded France. Sweden, Canada and Switzer-

handed goal, starting a string of land all won their first-round

## Britain's Eddie 'the Eagle' soars to glorious defeat

CALGARY (R) - Eddie "the 'Eagle" Edwards soared to one of the most giorious defeats in winter Olympic history Sunday when he finished 58th and last in the 70 metres ski jump.

Britain's lone ski jumper, whose cheerful embrace of mediocrity has captured the imagination of millions, had the world at his feet when he began the second round of jumps to the rapturous applause of a packed

He grinned and waved before setting off down the hill for his second successive 55-metre effort and raised his skis in triumph when it was over.

The 24-year-old plasterer was completely undeterred by the fact that gold medallist Matti Nykaenen of Finland jumped 34.5 metres further each time. Or that his points tally after two iumps was less than everyone else's after one.

"It was amazing," he said. The crowd was so enthusiastic. This is the best day of my life. Now I'm an Olympian — great." Edwards, who has only been ski jumping for two years, now plans to aim at his British record of 68 metres in Saturday's 90metre event.

For a while, it looked as if Edwards had already achieved that feat because the scoreboard awarded him a jump of 75 metres. Unfortunately for "fast Eddie," the score was later cor-



Eddie Edwards

Edwards, whose ambition is to become a stuntman, already has big plans for the future. He said a car manufacturer had asked him to take a four-wheel drive vehicle up the 90-metre jump. They wanted to show off how

good their four-wheel drive is," he said. "But I said why not turn it round and I'll drive it off the jump to show what a beautiful suspension it has. I'm here if they need me.

Edwards' parents flew from Britain to watch their son compete. "I thought about waving to them while I was on the jump but I was too busy trying to stand up to do it," he said.

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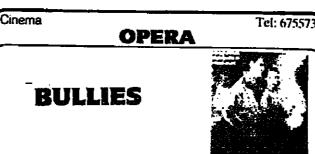
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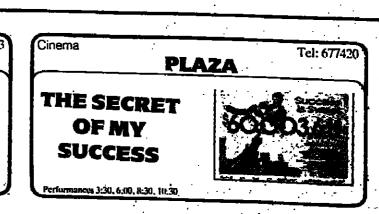
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## Jordanian-Egyptian meeting to promote private sector ties

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian-Egyptian Businessmen Council is due to hold its third meeting in Aqaba on Feb. 25 to discuss the role of the private sector in promoting Jordanian-Egyptian economic and trade relations.

The two-day meeting will also discuss future operations of the Jordanian-Egyptian holding company and also bilateral cooperation

The Jordanian side to the meeting will submit a working paper dealing with the role of the Jordanian private sector in promoting Jordanian-Egyptian relations. The meeting, which will be under the patronage of Industry, Trade and Supply Minister Hamdi Tabbaa', Tourism Minister Zuhair Ajlouni and Egyptian Tourism Minister Fuad Sultan, will be attended by Jordanian businessmen representing the private sector and officials from the two governments.

The Joint Jordanian-Egyptian Higher Committee in its 1985 meeting endorsed a number of projects in which Jordanian and Egyptian businessmen can take part. One of these projects was the Jordanian-Egyptian holding company which has a \$50 million capital divided equally between Jordan and Egypt.

The company, which was officially launched in August last year, is

headquartered in Amman and is governed by a joint board of

By the end of the first half of 1988, the company will complete its studies on projects which will be implemented in the two countries. By June, both sides will have deposited at least \$2.5 million each being five per cent of the total capital.

The Jordanian and Egyptian businessmen will also discuss at their Feb. 25 meeting the progress made on the newly-formed Arab Bridge Maritime Company, which groups Iraq, Egypt and Jordan, and the means of paying up the capital of the new company by the three participants.

#### Investments in tourism

Another topic to be discussed at the meeting, is the Egyptian-Jordanian cooperation in the field of tourism through the holding company which will invest in projects in southern Sinai and southern Jordan including Aqaba, Petra and Wadi Rum.

The council meeting will in addition be discussing the prospect of private investments in land reclamation projects in the two countries.

#### AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Arab Aluminium Industry was the major feature Tuesday along with Petra Enterprises and Leasing Equipments as trading in the shares of both companies amounted to 102,325 shares for JD 201,949 and 108,437 shares for JD 21,913 respectively. Shares of Dar Al Sha'ab Press, Printing, Publishing and Distributing also figured prominently as a total of 80.250 shares changed hands for a volume of JD 34,894. The total number of contracts executed Tuesday stood at 609 involving 602,351 shares at a cost of JD 645,065. On prices, only minor fluctuations took place but generally most shares maintained steady values. At the end of the session there was no buying or selling orders for the following companies: Bank of Jordan, Petra Bank, Housing Bank.

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Listen to the opinions of persons from various backgrounds, and gain a new understanding of others.

Make plans for a coming trip.

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Jul. 21) Get the advice of persons who have been successful in your field of endeavor, and discuss these ideas with your mate.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) The unusual features of a new project should be brought to the attention

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your success, some new ideas can help you achieve even more. Cooperate more with your co-workers LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) En-joy the activities you have planned entertainment for later in the week.

A small risk could work out nicely. SCORP10 (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Now is the time to put those new ideas in motion at home. Later in the day, invite some good friends over for a pleasant get-together. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Attend to important financial statements and reports, paying par-ticular attention to details. Take it

capraction of the capraction o allow you more recreation, but don't cut out any basics. Be more

thoughtful with your family.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Get together with some of your best friends for a night on the town. Maintain a positive attitude with

everyone you meet today. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) So many ideas for improving your lifestyle will occur to you, it would be wise to write them down. Get an

### Jordan, World Bank discuss financing educational projects

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation from the World Bank is currently in Jordan to discuss the feasibility of financing projects in implementation of recommendations adopted at a general education conference held in Amman last year. The delegation, whose members held meetings with Ministry of Education officials, presented ideas about possible World Bank assistance to these projects based on experiences in other developing countries.

They also presented the Ministry of Education with remarks and comments on projected schemes endorsed by the conference which was held last September under the chairmanship of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

Ministry of Education officials, led by the ministry's Secretary General Radi Al Waqfi, are expected to hold a series of meetings with the World Bank delegation before final ideas on World Bank's financial assistance to these schemes can be reached.

### Italy will allocate \$12m to health projects in West Bank

AMMAN (Petra) — The Italian government will allocate \$12 million to finance a number of health projects in the occupied West Bank and to improve the health conditions to Arab inhabitants living under Israeli rule, a Ministry of Health official said Tuesday.

He said that these projects include the development of government hospital laboratories, clinics and medical facilities operated by the Red Crescent Society in Jerusalem in addition to the handicapped centres in Bethlehem.

The projects also encompass completion and modernisation of a number of sections at government hospitals in Hebron, Nablus, Beit Jala and the establishment of a maintenance centre for medical

The official said that Italian ambassador to Jordan Luigi Amaduzzi bad informed Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh of the Italian govern-

#### Ministry spending JD 6.7m on schools

ZARQA (Petra) — The Ministry of Education is currently spending JD 6.75 million on setting up schools in Zarqa Governorate to replace rented buildings, according to Department of Education Director Tayseer Arafeh. He said that the buildings would be completed in the coming 1988/89 scholastic year. The ministry-owned schools, he said, would help pave the way for streamlining the school day into a single shift rather than the present 2-shift periods.

#### **LONDON EXCHANGE RATES**

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

One U.S. dollar 1.9236/46 1.4053/63 35.85/88 5.7850/80 1260/1261

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## LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Equities continued mixed during the afternoon, with the most striking factor still the very low volume and the market's current lack of direction, dealers said.

At 1530 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was down 1.2 points at ,738.0, with volume at 1500 GMT a modest 224 million shares. This compares with Monday's total turnover of 253 million and between 400 million and 600 million daily in December and Dealers said recent uncertainty over the medium-term direction

of U.K. interest rates, and the possible repercussions of the strike of car workers at Ford on other pay settlements and inflation were keeping the large players out of the market.

Many dealers see little evidence that large institutional inves-

tors are contemplating a return to active participation in shares, and some feel a move away from investment in equities and into safer fixed interest securities, such as government bonds (gilts), could be on the way.

## Arab National Bank reports sharp rise in '87 profit

RIYADH (R) - Riyadh-based Arab National Bank reported Tuesday a 32.3 per cent rise in 1987 profit, halting a two-year slide in earnings.

Arab National, the first of Saudi Arabia's 11 banks to release 1987 earnings, said in a statement net profit rose to 201.2 million riyals (\$54 million) from 152.1 million in 1986 (\$40 million).

Bankers said the results were encouraging, but cautioned it was too early to predict a general upturn in profits for the Saudi banking industry which has been depressed by the need to make heavy loan loss provisions.

Arab National Bank, owned 60 per cent by Saudi Nationals and 40 per cent by Jordan's Arab Bank Ltd., is traditionally a "cash rich" bank and has kept a low profile in lending to the kingdom's private sector where problem loans are concentrated.

As a result, bankers say, it has been able to place surplus cash with other banks in the "interbank market" and earn a comparatively risk-free return.

The bank reduced the level of provisions set aside in its 1987 accounts by 28 per cent to 62.2 million rivals (\$16.6 million) and lending at 2.77 billion riyals (\$740 million) makes up only 21 per

cent of total end-1987 assets. It is increasing its dividend payout by 20 per cent to 48.0 million riyals (\$12.8 million).

#### Coca-Cola net income drops

ATLANTA (AP) — The Coca-Cola Co. Monday reported net income for the fourth quarter of 1987 fell 39 per cent to \$192.96 million, or 52 cents per share, compared with the year-ago period.

In the 1986 fourth quarter, Coca-Cola reported net income of \$314.5 million, or 82 cents a share, augmented partly from the sale of 51 per cent of Coca-Cola Enterprises, its new bottling subsidiary.

Net operating revenue during the final 1987 quarter totalled \$1.99 billion, up 16 per cent from \$1.72 billion in the year-ago quarter.

For the 12 months ending Dec. 31, the soft drink giant reported net income of \$916 million, or 2.43 per share, down about two per cent from net income of 934

million, or 2.42 a share, in 1986. For the 1987 year, net operating revenue totalled \$7.66 billion, up almost 10 per cent from \$6.98 billion in 1986.

Sales of soft drink cases to retail stores grew six per cent in the United States in 1987, officials said, and sales of Coca-Cola classic alone increased nine per cent. Domestic sales of soft drink syrup rose one per cent.

## Drive for share flotation gathers pace in S. Arabia

RIYADH (R) - Saudi Arabia is poised to launch its government control the flow of first major public share flotation in several years in a key test of the economy's ability to generate funds for investment.

In the next few weeks founders of the Taiba Company for Real Estate Development, formed to channel investment into the Islamic holy city of Medina, will ask the Saudi public for an initial 300 million rivals (\$80 million) in

comes at a difficult time for an economy only just starting to pull out of recession and could be crowded out by the Saudi Gov-

ernment's borrowing plans. This year's budget is the most austere since government oil revenues began declining in the early 1980s and for the first time the government is planning to issue medium-term bonds to help finance a projected 35.9 billion riyal (\$9.6 billion) deficit.

"The biggest threat to the flotation is the uncertainty surrounding the bonds," said one in the first week of March. financial source.

He said the government's borrowing, its first major fund raising in 25 years, was likely to crowd out other investments.

Share flotations over the last 35 years have raised less than 50 billion rivals (\$13.3 billion) and return for equity in the company. now banks are being asked to
But bankers say the flotation raise up to 30 billion (\$8 billion) in bonds in less than one year, he added.

To add to the problem, the

Saudi government has yet to announce when the first bonds will be launched or for how

"Only when it makes some clear-cut statements about its intentions, will there be some stability," one banker said.

The Taiba flotation is being handled by the Consulting Centre for Finance and Investment

which says the offering will begin Taiba was formed to help the months.

private development funds into Medina, Islam's second holiest city. In addition to real estate, founders hope to invest in agricultural, commercial, industrial

and financial ventures. Historically, no two Saudi companies have gone to the market at the same time and bankers say the Taiba offering is likely to mean another major issue in the works - for Al Rajhi Co. for Currency Exchange and Commerce - will be delayed.

Al Rajhi, now a money changer, was given government approval last summer to convert to a fully-fledged commercial bank, but only on condition it offered shares to the public to widen ownership from what at the moment is family control.

Bankers say if the Taiba issue needs to be extended, Al Raihi's offering will be pushed into the summer months which coincide with Muslim holidays and a slowdown in business life.

That could mean the issue being delayed by a total of six

## Yemen anticipates high oil output

KUWAIT (R) — South Yemen, one of the Arab World's poorest countries, will significantly expand oil output in the 1990s under an agreement signed last week with the Soviet Union, the country's oil minister said Monday.

Saleh Abu Baker Ibn Hussainoun told Reuters in an interview the agreement called for development of two fields in the Shabwa region and construction of a pipeline to the Arabian Sea. The fields, discovered and de-

veloped by the Soviet firm Technoexport, now produce only 10,000 barrels per day (b/d). Ibn Hussainoun declined to estimate what output would be

(\$472 million) project is com-But he said: "We would not invest this much without expecta-

tions of big results." Last October, the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said South Yemen was planning a

major oil pipeline system to start

exports at an initial rate of

100.000 b/d.

The industry newsletter said the pipeline would run from Shabwa oilfields and the Soviet firm Technoexport had recommended a pipeline with an eventual 500,000 b/d capacity.

The discovery of oil is one of the most promising economic developments in a country heavily dependent on foreign aid where per capita income was only \$550 in 1984. Ibn Hussainoun said a 230-

kilometre pipeline would connect Shabwa to a terminal at Balhaf on the Arabian Sea from where the oil could be exported. He told the Kuwait News Agency the pipeline could initially carry 50,000-70,000 b/d. The contract, due for comple-

when the 285 million rouble tion at the end of 1989, also covers construction of a gas and desulphurisation complex and continued exploration in the Shabwa region.

"There is a great possibility of new discoveries," Ibn Hussainoun said. "There are very encouraging new formations in other regions as well." The Shabwa fields contain reserves of 500 he said.

million tonnes, he said. Ibn Hussainoun Saturday met Kuwaiti Oil Minister Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah and they agreed to consider new Kuwaiti oil explora-

tion in South Yemen.

The state-owned Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company already has a stake in a South Yemeni oil concession with the Compagnie Francaise Des Petroles (Total). The two ministers agreed to

renew for 1988 an agreement under which Kuwait refines 1.5 million tonnes a year of crude oil at the Aden refinery.

Kuwait is a major source of development aid to South Yemen, and Ibn Hussainonn said agreement in principle was reached with the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development and the Kuwait-based Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development for each to lend \$10 million for a water project at Makalla.

The World Bank has approved a \$12 million loan for the project,

## Australia's trade performance improves

SYDNEY (R) — Australia's economy, burdened with large foreign debts, received a major boost Tuesday when the government released the most favourable trade figures in four years.

The current account deficit,

measuring trade in goods and services, fell to 428 million dollars (\$303.9 million) in January, far below business expectations. The surprise figure pushed up the Australian dollar by more than a quarter U.S. cent and sent interest rates on money markets

Despite the initial market euphoria, economists said the current account position was likely to deteriorate later in the year, particularly as Australia's major trading partner, the United States, faced a possible economic slowdown.

However, they agreed that the latest figure would help underpin optimism in the financial markets, which had been predicting a one billion dollars (\$532.5 million

to \$710 million). Treasurer Paul Keating forecast continued economic improvement and a current account deficit of 11.5 billion dollars (\$8.1 billion) for the financial year ending June 30, slightly lower than in the last financial year.

Lloyds Bank chief economist Warren Bird said: "The government's forecast now appears very feasible. But we can't get carried away. We still have the risk of the January shortfall of 750 million to U.S. economy slowing and hitting our exports."

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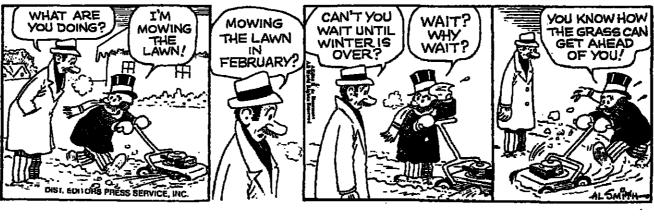








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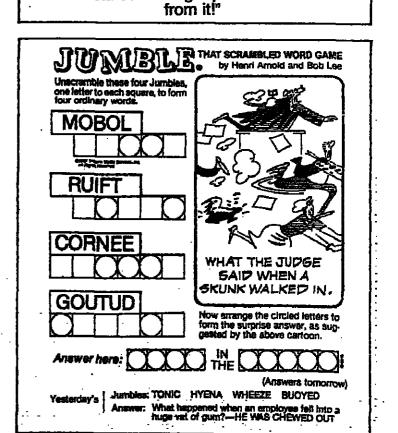


### **Andy Capp**









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# Leading opposition figure Police arrest Ershad shot dead in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO (R) — A Sri Lankan opposition party leader who is also a film star was shot dead Tuesday by unidentified gunmen, police and hospital sources

Vijaya Kumaranatunga, leader of the leftist Sri Lanka Mahajana Party (People's Party), was shot in the capital, Colombo, and died in hospital, they said.

Political sources said Kumaranatunga's killing might have been connected to his support for a controversial accord signed by Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi aimed at ending the Tamil revolt on the

Kumaranatunga, aged about 35, appeared in more than 100 films and was voted Sri Lanka's most popular actor in 1986.

He was married to Chandrika, the younger daughter of two former prime ministers, Solomon Bandaranaike and Sirima Ban-

Police said two men riding a motorbike shot him with an automatic rifle while he was on the veranda of his house in Colombo.

of South Africa's most influential

anti-apartheid organisations said

Monday they would conduct a

mass campaign against nation-

wide municipal elections in

The organisations are the Un-

ited Democratic Front (UDF),

which claims more than two mil-

lion members, and the Congress

of South African Trade Unions

(COSATU), the country's big-

gest black labour federation with 350,000 members.

cannot take part in national elec-

tions but can vote at the municip-

al level. For the first time this year, elections for white and

black municipal councils will be

Turnout by black voters was

Activist organisations like the

UDF and COSATU have

opposed the councils, describing

ity, and black councillors have

often been physically assaulted by

an integrated part of the national

oppression that has inflicted so

much hardship, suffering, pover-

ty and violence on the majority of people," the UDF and COSATU

It said a unified national cam-

said in a joint statement.

"The municipal councils form

only six per cent at the last

municipal elections in 1984.

held on the same day.

left-wing blacks.

South Africa's majority blacks

led himself with cyanide when Kumaranatunga, with his wife Indian soldiers stormed a house and other opposition figures, in eastern Sri Lanka where they broke from his mother-in-law's captured a guerrilla leader and Freedom Party four years ago

and formed the Mahajana Party. Mahajana leaders said Bandaranaike's group had abandoned the socialist aims for which it was

Speaking on radio and television Monday night, Kumaranatunga condemned a spate of killings of politicians and officials in the past few months blamed by police on an outlawed Marxist group opposed to the peace accord with India.

Witnesses said thousands of fans stormed the Colombo hospital to see Kumaranatunga as news spread about the shooting. Police and troops were called

in to control the crowds. Hospital sources said Kumaranatunga had been shot in the face at close range.

South African opposition groups vow

campaign against municipal elections

In a later development, South

African police said Tuesday they

had found badly decomposed

bodies of seven black women in

Western Transvaal's farming

town of Klerksdorp, apparently

victims of one of the worst mass

They said they were question-

ing a man in connection with the

killing of the women, aged be-

tween 19 and 24, whose naked

bodies had been found under

tree branches near a golf course.

being investigated appeared in a

Kerksdorp court last week after a

woman in the same area was

raped. She managed to escape

A police spokesman said it was

not clear if the detainee was

linked to the grisly find, and

investigators were trying to estab-

lish if the seven women had been

ve no other details

Klerksdorp, a conservative

town for whites with two adjacent

townships for blacks, is situated

in the middle of the belt of gold

mines which cuts across Trans-

Also on Tuesday, Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu cal-

led for South Africans of all faiths

to pray and fast every Wednesday

and Friday until April for an end

They said the 35-year-old man

murders in recent years.

what steps would be taken.

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Two be launched, but did not specify

# opponents in Dhaka

DHAKA (R) — Bangladeshi opposition threats. police arrested three opposition "We shall deploy leaders in a pre-dawn swoop Tuesday, after the government said it would deal sternly with those trying to thwart March 3 parliamentary elections.

Police said Sajeda Chowdhury, general secretary of the Awami League, and retired colonels Akbar Hossain and Oali Ahmed of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party were picked up at their homes.

Police also raided the homes of at least six other opposition leaders who had gone underground to escape arrest, the families of the political activists said. Carloads of policemen stormed

our home... and ransacked furniture before they whisked my husband away," Ahmed's wife said. Police began laying the dragnet

after Bangladeshi President Hossain Mohammad Ershad said Monday the army would ensure the elections were held, despite last Wednesday.

We shall deploy the army and take all other security measures to ensure the peaceful holding of the elections," he told an annual parade of ansars (auxiliary policemen).

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina deplored the decision as aimed at protecting government henchmen from people's wrath. "We urge the government to

call off the decision which would only lead to more violence and loss of lives," she said. Bangladesh Nationalist Party

chief Begum Khaleda Zia also deplored the decision. She called on Ershad to keep the army above politics and stop using them against the people.

Government sources said Ershad decided on army cover for the parliamentary election after at least 152 people were killed and 8,000 injured in rural elections

## Manila reports foreign funds diverted to rebels

MANILA (R) — A top intelligence body said in a report released Tuesday that at least six European-based agencies had funded programmes for a Communist-infiltrated church group in the Philippines.

The National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA), the civilian intelligence group of Philippine President Corazon Aquino, also said it had evidence an Australian organisation gave money to the church body that eventually was used to finance a protest march against then President Ferdinand Marcos.

The report was released to reporters by a committee of the Philippine House of Representatives investigating alleged Com-munist infiltration of the Philippine Roman Catholic Church. NICA identified the local group as the National Secretariat for Social Action (NASSA), a Catholic community work organisation which acts as a "clearing house" for international funding

NASSA officials could not be contacted immediately for comment.

The organisations named in the report included a West German group called Misereor, the Asia Fund for Human Development Programme in Holland, the Dutch Bishop Lenten Campaign, the Swiss Catholic Lenten Fund, Caritas of Switzerland and Belgium's Entrade et Fraternite.

and businessmen deny that they

enriched themselves on U.S.

foreign aid, and say the accusa-

also say some of the accusations

are probably true.
The U.S. State Department

memorandum charges that

American embassy officials mis-

spent and mismanaged millions of

dollars in foreign aid, including

providing college scholarships for children of influential citizens and

creating a development agency

that largely benefited politicians.

A government spokesman, who agreed to be interviewed

only on condition he not be iden-

Costa Ricans tie U.S. aid

## Thai-Laos peace talks continue

BANGKOK (R) - Thailand and Laos failed to agree on a border ceasefire on the first day of peace talks here but will continue attempts to hammer out an agreement Wednesday, Thai military spokesmen said.

As military commanders of both sides attempted to work out a ceasefire Tuesday, Thai forces continued artillery and air strikes to dislodge Laotian troops from disputed border hills. Thai army and air force spokesmen said.

"Military operations are continuing because no agreement has yet been reached," Thai Army Secretary Nareudol Dechpradiyuth told reporters.

A Thai Supreme Command spokesman who briefed reporters on the talks between Thai General Chavalit Yongchaiyudh and Laotian General Sisavat Keobounphan called them extremely cordial talks.

### Khmer Rouge seeks talks with Sihanouk

PARIS (AP) — Kampuchean guerrilia leader, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, who resigned last month as head of a resistance coalition negotiating for an end to the Kampuchean conflict, is to meet next summer with Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan, according to a telegram released

Tuesday. After an 8-year stalemate, negotiations were held in Paris last December and January between Prime Minister Hun Sen of the Vietnam-installed government and Sihanouk, leader of the

produce a blueprint for peace, were aimed at removing outside interference from Kampuchea.

## resistance. The meetings, which failed to

misuse charges to contra vote SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — day that no formal response was Costa Rican government officials planned until the memorandum can be clarified. "When something like this hits the public, people have the right

not only to feel angry but to feel tions were timed to embarrass: Costa Rica just before the U.S. extremely angry," he said. The memo said actions by Congress voted on aid to Nicarand influential Costa Ricans who But several other businessmen helped disperse the aid "closely and American embassy sources

approach criminal conduct." Portions of the memo were published in several American newspapers in late January, just two weeks before Congress voted on funding the rebels fighting

Nicaragua's Sandinista govern-Congress rejected the aid proposal. Costa Rican officials say release of the memo before the vote was designed to tarnish the image of the country and its

#### tified, said in an interview Mon- president, Oscar Arias. 3-week-old infant undergoes heart transplant surgery in U.S.

PITTSBURGH (R) --- A threeweek-old boy underwent more Baby Christoffer born into an than 10 hours of heart transplant surgery in Pittsburgh Monday, and a week-old infant was upgraded from critical to serious condition, 24 hours after he was given a new heart in California.

Both infants were born with hypoplastic left-heart syndrome, a lethal underdevelopment of the heart Jonathan Stowe, born Jan. 25,

entered the operating room at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh around midnight (0500 GMT) and emerged at 10:15 a.m. (1515 GMT), said hospital spokeswoman Sue Cardillo. He was the youngest heart transplant patient at that hospital.

At Loma Linda, California, American air force family, received a new heart in a 5-hour operation performed Sunday by Dr. Leonard Bailey, the surgeon who transplanted a baboon heart into the infant girl known as Baby Fae in 1984. "Christoffer's condition was

upgraded this morning from critical to serious," said Dick Schaefer, spokesman for Loma Linda University Medical Centre, the hospital 96 kilometres east of Los Angeles.

The boy had been in Loma Linda's néo-natal intensive care unit for six days, three of them on life support, before the transplant surgery.

## Heavy security surrounds trial of Arkansas white supremacists

plot to overthrow the American government and related crimes. Jury selection was to begin

surrounded by guards and at least two metal detectors. The various charges include

sedition, attempts to kill a federal judge and an FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) agent and participation in bank robberies.

Late Monday, manacled defendants guarded by officers with submachine guns were brought cases by hostile observers.

into the federal courthouse as patrol cars blocked streets by the building.

Ten defendants are accused ofconspiring "to destroy by force the government of the United States and form a new Aryan nation," according to the indictment by a federal grand jury last

White supremacist use the term "Aryan" to mean non-Jewish Caucasians.

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#### 23 Italian children have died of AIDS

ROME (AP) - At least 41 Italian children under the age of 12 have contracted AIDS, and 23 of them already have died, the Italian Institute of Health reported Monday. The institute, a division of the Ministry of Health, said that as of the end of last September, 23 girls and 18 boys had come down with the disease. It said 33 were the children of drug addicts, three were hemophiliacs and that three others had received blood transfusions. Italian Health Minister Carlo Donat Cattin said earlier this month that 800 people had died of AIDS in Italy. The ministry said 1,478 cases of AIDS had been reported in the country

#### Stolen Nazi documents not used for blackmail

BERLIN (AP) - Prosecutors Monday said there was no evidence that documents stolen from an American-run Nazi records centre were used to blackmail former members of the Nazi Party. Volker Kaehne, spokesman for the Berlin Justice Department, said investigators believe tens of thousands of Nazi-era documents have been stolen from the American-run Berlin Document Centre. "Our investigation so far indicates that the documents were stolen for profit," Kaehne said in a statement. "There is no evidence to indicate suggestions that they were used for blackmail." The Berlin Morgenpost newspaper reported Tuesday that West German authorities have been told for years of suspicions that documents were being taken from the centre. An unnamed dealer offered British historian David Irving an expert on the Nazi and documents that allegedly came Irving, an expert on the Nazi era, documents that allegedly came from the centre nearly a decade ago, the newspaper said without

#### Man dies in Downing Street car blast

LONDON (R) - A man was killed when his car burst into flames Tuesday at the entrance to Downing Street where British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher lives. Police said the incident was not being treated as a terrorist attack. Fire Brigade sources suggested the driver could have committed suicide by dousing himself with petrol and setting himself alight. Several petrol cans had been found in the burned-out wreckage of the car, they said. A post mortem was being conducted later Tuesday on the man's badly burned body. A police spokeswoman said the car pulled up to the entrance of Downing Street shortly after 1 a.m. (0100 GMT) and burst into flames. Thatcher was sleeping in her residence at Number 10 Downing Street but was not disturbed when the car

#### Antiquities chief removed after Sphinx controversy

CAIRO (R) — Egypt's antiquities chief, Ahmed Kadri, was removed from office Monday, apparently over a public row with Egyptian Culture Minister Farouk Hosni about damage to the hinx. A Culture Ministry official said Kadri had been transferred to another post after six years as chairman of the Antiquities Organisation. He declined to say why. A limestone slab weighing about 300 kilogrammes last week fell off the right shoulder of the Sphinx, a huge 4,600-year-old Pharaonic monument near the pyramids. The damage provoked heated debate between Hosni and Kadri about how best to preserve the monument with a lion's body and a human head, built by the Pharaoh Chepren about 2,600 B.C. Hosni said the Sphinx was in a critical condition and needed an international panel of archaeologists to save it from disintegration. Kadri reported: "The Sphinx is facing no danger at all. What fell was not a slab but an outer coating. This is a theatrical farce." But Zahi Hawass, an archaeologist in charge of the pyramids area, warned that the Sphinx could be reduced to powder within 20 years without urgent scientific measures to restore it. He said the high water level beneath the limestone monument had to be reduced. "Maybe we will not find the Sphinx in the coming 20 years, if we do not do this type of scientific study ... We know that water changes limestone to powder," he said in an interview with the International Television Network VIS-

### Professor says Palestinian story not told

CHICAGO (AP) — A Northwestern University professor who has lived with Palestinian refugees in the Gaza Strip said Monday he wants to dispel the "mad-dog terrorists" image they have among many Westerners. "They are the most hospitable, gracious and courteous people one could encounter, and I've studied with other cultures," said Dwight Conquergood, an associate professor who specialises in studying refugee cultures. Conquergood visited the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip during the summers of 1986 and 1987 before the current uprising erupted. "The kids throwing rocks have lived all their lives behind barbed wire," said Conquergood, a native of Thunder Bay, Ontario, who grew up on an Indiana farm. "This was my first experience living under military occupation," said Conquergood, an ethnographer who also has studied the refugee cultures of Southeast Asia. "I had a visual understanding of what they had to live with day after day. It

#### Chuck Berry honoured at film festival

BERLIN (AP) — Move over Maybellene. Roll over Beethoven. Berlin is hailing rock 'n roll legend Chuck Berry. "Chuck Berry: Hail Hail Rock 'N Roll" led the pack of American films that are the centerpiece of this year's Berlin Film Festival. And Berry, regarded by many musicians as the father of rock 'n roll, was the American star feted first at this year's event, Europe's No. 2 annual cinema extravaganza after the more prestigious Cannes Film Festival. On Sunday, Berry was presented with a life achievement award at the West German Premier of "Hail Hail Rock 'N Roll," the Taylor Hackford-directed movie that honours him. The Berlinale Camera Award, a gold replica of a camera, was presented to Berry at the premier by Voker Hassemer, West Berlin's senator for cultural affairs. "I don't consider myself a legend," said the 62-year-old Berry. "I always thought a legend was a dead person who is praised."

### Man hits \$6.8m jackpot

RENO, Nevada (AP) — A concrete contractor looked uncomfortable Monday amid cameras, microphones and crowds of people waiting for him to accept an oversize copy of a \$6.8-million check for hitting the world's largest slot jackpot. "I don't know what to say," Cammie J. Brewer told a news conference at the Cal-Neva Club in downtown Reno. "I know I have the money now. It feels pretty good." Brewer became an instant multimillionaire Sunday by lining up four "7s" on one of four megabucks progressive slot machines. Brewer, 61, said he comes to the Cal-Neva nearly every Sunday morning to eat the club's 99-cent breakfast and to play the slots.

#### Brussels court rules on diaper ads

BRUSSELS (R) - A Brussels court ruled Monday that any liquid can be used in television advertisements to demonstrate the virtues of babies' diapers. It rejected a claim by the makers of Peaudouce disposable napkins that rivals Ultra Pampers were misleading the public by using distilled water - instead of the real thing - in a commercial to show how absorbent their product was. The public had the sense to realise that advertisements were not always a "truce reflection of reality," the Brussels commercial tribunal ruled.

#### paign against the elections would to violence in the country's black Ugandan rebels kill 19 in attack on bus

seriously wounded 47 when they ambushed a bus in northeastern Uganda, officials of the government's National Resistance Army (NRA) said Tuesday.

The rebeis, members of the Uganda People's Army of former Defence Minister Peter Otai,

MBALE, Uganda (R) — Ugan-dan rebels killed 19 civilians and west of Mbale Monday on the west of Mbale Monday on the main road to the town of Soroti, they said.

> The NRA says a determined camproved security in the northeast.

#### GOREN BRIDGE

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47642 The bidding: North East South West Pass 4 🗸 4 🍨 Pass Pass Opening lead: Jack of 4

On this site of the Atlantic, the common way to encourage partner to continue a suit is to play an unnecessarily high card. However, don't let signalling be a substitute

West's preemptive jump overcall placed North under considerable pressure. He wisely decided it was more important to show his spade support rather than rebid his excellent diamond suit, and a fair spade game was quickly reached. Rather than attack with a heart,

LEND A FRIEND A HAND

Neither vulnerable. North deals. **₽**Q72 +AQ1085

ferred a heart lead to a doubleton East had available a play that would have catered to either possibility. He should simply have overtaken the jack with the queen and cashed the ace. Even if West had started with a doubleton, he would ruff the third club and East's sure trump trick would have netted a one-trick defeat.

The attack was the worst in the area for more than two weeks. paign against the rebels has im-

**BY CHARLES GOREN** 

in which suit his side could hope for one trick at best, West led his jack of clubs. Declarer played low from dummy and East signalled en-thusiastically with the ten. West would have loved to continue with another club through the king to his partner's marked ace-queen, but search as he might he could not find another one in his hand. He shifted to the queen of hearts, in case his partner held the ace. South won and ruffed a heart on the table, then took the trump fi-

nesse. When that won and the suit split 3-2, declarer ended up losing only two club tricks and a trump. As is often the case, the opening lead told the story. Since East was looking at the ten of clubs, he knew his partner's lead of the jack had to be from shortness. Signalling for a come-on was all well and good if the lead was from a doubleton, but more likely it was a singleton-West probably would have pre-

#### on French agent's return WELLINGTON, New Zealand turn to complete his sentence on (AP) - New Zealand Tuesday Hao Atoll, located about 5,600 softened its demand that France kilometres east of Australia. repatriate a French secret service

Wellington softens stand

agent convicted in the sinking of a Greenpeace flagship.

They said one other person

Meanwhile, a Tamil rebel kil-

two other separatists, sources

close to the rebels said Tuesdav.

command of the Liberation Ti-

gers of Tamil Eelam in the area.

known only as Sittha, was seized

Monday at a meeting with the

other rebels and a trade union

The Indians had been tipped

off and 50 soldiers surrounded

the bungalow on the edge of

One rebel with Sittha commit-

ted suicide by swallowing a cyanide capsule as the soldiers

The Tigers, largest of the guer-

rilla groups which have waged a

five-year campaign for a separate

Tamil state, are ordered to kill

themselves so they cannot be

Tutu appealed to Christians

and people of goodwill to follow

the example of Natal province's

Bishop Michael Nuttall, who will

not eat between 6 a.m. and 6

p.m. Wednesday, then pray and

fast for justice and peace twice a

Twelve people were killed in fighting between black factions

near the provincial capital Pieter-

maritzburg and in other parts of

Natal during the weekend, bring-

ing the number of dead to more

than 400 in the past year.

week until Easter, April 3.

captured and questioned.

moved in, the sources said.

The sources said the second-in-

who was with him had been

wounded and was being treated

in hospital.

Batticaloa.

Russell Marshall said the government will not press for the return of Major Alain Mafart until after the French presidential elections, scheduled for the spring.

Mafart, who was exiled to a

plained of stomach pains. objected that it was not properly consulted, and demanded his re-

Pacific atoll, was airlifted to Paris

in mid-December after he com-At that time, New Zealand

"It might be rather easily resolved after the presidential elec-tions than before," Marshall said

Tuesday at a news conference. The French elections will be held April 24. If no one gets more than 50 per cent of the vote, a run-off election will be held May 8.

Mafart and his accomplice, Captain Dominique Prieur, were each sentenced to 10 years in jail for the bombing of the Greenpeace vessel, the Rainbow Warrior, in Auckland Harbour on July 10, 1985.

### Finnish president reelected in electoral college vote

HELSINKI (AP) — Finnish President Mauno Koivisto was re-elected to a second six-year term Monday in a second-round electoral college victory.

Koivisto, a Social Democrat, won 1.5 million votes in a general election two weeks ago, falling less than 3 per cent of the absolute majority he needed to be directly elected without referring to the 301-member electoral col-

His re-election by the college was never in doubt. Koivisto told the state-run television he would not demand the resignation of the conservativeled government, which is custom-

"I will not try to get involved in internal politics, but I will concentrate on Finland's relations to other countries," Koivisto said. He also hoped the centre of

political power in Finland would transfer to the parliament following reforms he has proposed which would strip his office of such powers as the right to dissolve the legislature and to fire the government.

Conservative Prime Minister Harri Holkeri, who challenged Koivisto along with three other contenders, released his delegates to vote freely after the first round of voting gave Koivisto 144 ary following a presidential elec-ballots, 7 shy of a majority.

## White students back minority protesters at U.S. university

AMHERST, Massachusetts (AP) - Minority students occupying a University of Massachusetts moved to other buildings, bebuilding for a fourth day to protest campus racism won the support of some white students and faculty Monday and revised their to teach there during the protest, demands.

The more than 100 students who took over New Africa House Friday were to meet with University Chancellor Joseph Duffey Monday to discuss their concerns, but the session was cancelled because Duffey left campus to visit a brother who was ill. The meeting was rescheduled for Tuesday.

After becoming aware of the

illness, the protesters sent Duf-

fey a sympathy card signed by

more than 200 students. Duffey

responded by sending the protes-

ters a fruit basket and a card that

read: "I send affection and re-

Classes scheduled for New Africa House Tuesday will be cause the university does not plan to evict the students, and because several faculty members refused university spokesman James Langley said.

don't want to escalate tensions," Langley said. The takeover was sparked by the alleged beating last weekend of two black students by six whites after a dormitory party.

"We're doing this because we

Frank Tripoli, a member of a group of graduate students organising a movement to have white students and faculty wear black arm bands as a symbol of support for the protest, said he hoped more whites on campus would

join the effort.

FORT SMITH, Arkansas (AP) - Dozens of heavily armed law officers were on hand for the beginning of the trial of 14 men charged with a white supremacist

Tuesday in a federal courtroom

In the weeks leading up to the trial, the Ku Klux Klan white supremacist group held 15 rallies in Arkansas cities. In most cases the turnout was small, and Klan backers were met in some